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TO THE
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Let Zoilists Carpe at what is past and don,
Brave Sermons Acts shall live in face of the Sun:
Great Monk Restorer of his Country's Peace,
Declares from him his Dropsie soone did Cease.

I.A. M.D.

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A FRIEND TO THE SICK:

OR, THE

Honest English Mans Preservation.

Shewing the

CAUSES, SYMPTOMS, and CURES

Of most Occult and Dangerous

DISEASES

Which afflict the Body of Man.

WITH

A PARTICULAR DISCOURSE

OF THE

DROPSIE, SCURVY,

AND

YELLOW JAUNDICE.

And the most Absolute Way of Cure.

Whereunto is added,

A True Relation of some of the most Remarkable Cures effected by the Author's most Famous *Cathartique* and *Diuretique* PILLS, wherewith was cured his late Grace GEORGE Duke of ALBEMARLE, &c.

Set forth for the Publick Benefit,

By William Sermon Doctor in Physick, One of His Majesties Physicians in Ordinary.

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To His Illustrious Grace, *Christopher* Duke of *Albemarle*, Earl of *Torrington*, Baron *Monk de Potheridge*, *Beauchamp*, and *Teyes*, &c.

My Lord,

AS Your Grace is both a Popular and Publick Peer, I have humbly made bold to offer this Publick Treatise at the Altar of Your Illustrious Name: And if, my Lord, the Offering be too mean for so magnificent an Altar, Let it be Burnt, and the Flame thereof may give me light to see my present Presumption.

My Lord, Other Apollogy or Plea I have none, besides that never-dying Obligation I owe your most Renowned Father of Blessed Memory, whose Diffusive Good-

ness hath not only made Me, but indeed three Kingdoms to be his Debtor.

Since then, My Lord, *Bonds which are so justly due, must in all Equity be discharged, and the sublimity of his present Station cannot Permit me to Cancel them to Himself; Yet Give me Leave then to Confess them to His Magnanimous Son, your Thrice Noble Self, the Inheritour of his Heroick Spirit, as you are of his Paternal Possessions.*

To the Plenitude and full Fruition of both which, that your Grace may Gradually Arrive, and with your Years increase your Heirs and Honours, *is the most Cordial Prayer of* Sir,

Your Graces most Humble and
most Faithfully Obedient and
Devoted Servant,

William Sermon.

THE EPISTLE TO THE READER.

Worthy Reader,

IT may perhaps be thought an high Presumption (especially by such that judge nothing well done, but what they have the honour to do themselves) for me that may be accounted the least of all men, able to put my self to such a publick Censure of those most Learned and great Proficients in this *Honourable* and most *Noble Art.*

However, because I would not hide my Talent that the Lord hath given to me, and so be termed an unprofitable Servant, having through the wonderful goodness of God, found out those and such like Remedies, and that by a diligent Care, and long Study, have had thereof large Experience, (*which is the Daughter of Time, the Mother of Wisdom, the true Rewarder of Travel, though the Jewel*

of a few) and not doubting but that they will prove very profitable, not only to the Diſeaſed Patient, but to the young Student in Phyſick; for whoſe ſakes I could by no means neglect the Publication hereof.

Another, and the moſt principal Obligation, was from a ſerious Conſideration of the Great Neceſſity, and Lamentable Miſery that I daily behold, ſome of the meaner ſort of people, being intollerably tormented with *moſt dangerous and grievous diſtempers*, and muſt abſolutely periſh having not wherewithall to be at great Charges in long and tedious courſes of Phyſick.

Neither to give to old *Dives* his large fee before-hand, without which he will not put his foot into the Styrup, nor his horſes in the Coach.

Theſe Reaſons ſeriouſly conſidered, were the abſolute Motives to force me more to the publiſhing of this ſmall, and I hope beneficial Treatiſe.

And that the *Honeſt Engliſh Man* may reap thereby the greater Benefit, I have purpoſely omitted all Philoſophical, Eloquent; and hard crabbed words, (*though not Ignorant thereof*) which more affright the honeſt and harmleſs *Patient*, then Cure his languiſhing *Diſeaſe*.

Yet

Yet notwithstanding the real and best of my Endeavours to promote the Interest of my Countrymen, and to do them service, in giving them some certain Rules how to help themselves in times of Necessity.

Black mouth'd Envy, that severely Barkes though, cannot Bite, will still Snarle, and look upon me with a squint Eye, as if I had done some Injustice to the very Laws of Friendship, and common Society.

And the grand Reasons are, that my Pills in the Dropsie, have wrought more wonderful effects then any other Medicines yet have done.

Since which time, to defraud the Ignorant, every fracturated fellow in their Pamplets pretend to Cure the *Dropsie*, though it be but with Aloes, and Sena, *&c.* infused in Brandy, and the Lungs of an Oxe applied to the Belly, which prepostrous Courses have of late killed many, some of good worth.

But perhaps some of the fore-mentioned will be apt to Judge that I have published this Treatise purposely to promote my own Interest, because I have in some Chapters made mention of my *Cathartique* and *Diuretique Pills*; in answer to which, I will assure the Reader I have not made mention thereof but

but where they are abſolutely neceſſary, and I queſtion not, but thoſe that are acquainted with me and them, will believe that what I have here imparted, is to the utmoſt of my power really to promote the well-fare of my Country, and not my own Intereſt, (*Which in Duty to God and Man I am bound to do*) this being firſt intended not for private uſe, but for a publick good.

So not valuing the Threats of ſome of the ſame faculty, knowing the ſnares they have laid for others, themſelves will be taken in: When I ſhall be from their rigid Malice ſhelter'd under the Wings of the Almighty, and there live above the Praiſe or Diſpraiſe of Men.

But yet muſt humbly acknowledge my ſelf, *Dear Countrey-men*,

Your moſt humble and faithful Servant to Command,

W. Sermon.

From my houſe in Eaſt-harding-ſtreet *near the Sign of Goldſmiths hall, between* Fetter-lane *and* Shoe-lane *London* July 12. 1673.

In Libellum Laboresque *Gulielmi Sermon*, Med. Doctoris.

Salve Pæoniæ *non portio parva* Palæstræ,
Successusq; novos priscis successibus adde;
Vt, Qui, Sanatum Magnum stupuere Monachũ,
Heìc Sanatrices mirentur Amice Medelas.
Quam Populi commune bonum, communibus instas
Instaurare Bonis, Anglo testabitur Orbi
Iste Tuus Sermone *liber, Quo discutis omnes*
Morborum occultas causas, calamoque Mederis.
Se auspiciis debere Tuis, Natura Senilis
Agnoscit tandem, & ventura fatebitur ætas
Laudum quanta Tuo debet Monumenta labori.
Tunc cum morbifugis vestris Sermone *Medelis*
Vanescet sensim, vacuasq; faceſſet in auras
Invidiæ *Malesana* Cohors; *& lurida Famæ*
Latricis, Digniſque *Comes Detractio* Factis
Hydra *retundetur, vulsisque venefica linguis*
Spicula sublato prætendet Vana Veneno.

Sic vaticinatur, Tuiſſimus

P. Fiſher.

To his Worthy Friend

Dr. *WILLIAM SERMON*,

Upon his Publishing a Treatise, Entituled *A Friend to the Sick*, or, *The Honest Englishmans Preservation.*

WHen DROPSIES did Sick Nature seek to Drown,
And SCURVIES too like a Beleagur'd Town,
Surrounded her, and call'd in the Wild Rout
Of that French *Moth, the Pox, the sullen Gout,*
And other Rude Distempers Man to Win,
And She her self thus Blockt up to take in
Then Sir, that Active Balm your healing Pill,
Into these crumbled Ruines did Distil;
Peic'd up those Breaches, which these Foes had made,
And Beat back those that did the Fort Invade.
Whilst your brisk Pen such noble Rules Compiles,
They will Redeem Man from their future wiles,
And make him with just Gratitude Confess,
Faint Nature can, then Vigorous Art do less.

Thomas Philipott.

To the most worthily well Deserving of both Rich and Poor, *W. Sermon*, Doctor in Physick, one of his Majesties Physitians in Ordinary, on his so Beneficial Tractate, and Treatise, Entituled, *A Friend to the Sick*, or, *The Englishmans Preservation.*

WHen Books speak Loud, and Learnedly Confute
Fond SCIOLISTS, 'twere Malice to be Mute
And stifle that acknowledgment is due,
Dear Sir, to this most useful Peice, and you
Whose safe and Soveraign Rules prevent our Ills
And prove your Pen as powerful as your Pills.
Hipocrates *and* Gallen *here are shut*
Like Homers Iliads *couch'd up in a Nut:*
Since in these few Octavo sheets are shewn
Most Maladies and Medicines which are known;
And by your Dextrous Skill, confirm'd your own.
On then succesful Sir! and ne're Regard
Detracting Tongues, Vertue's her own Reward.
And your Miraculous Cures, both old and New,
Can testifie them not more strange then True;
And Maugre Malice, speak your Crown'd succes
In most Distempers, either Great or Less.

So Believeth the Admirer of your skilful Industry, and true Honourer of your much obliging Self

W. Faldo, Hospitii Grayensis I. C.

To my Honoured Friend,

Dr. WILLIAM SERMON,

One of His Majesties Physicians in Ordinary.

REnowned Sir, had I an Angels Quill,
'Twere fit to write Encomiums on your (Skill.
Your admirable Skill, whose Fame resounds
From shore to shore of this vast Islands Bounds.
Physicians all admire, and none dare snarle
At *your Great Cure wrought on Great ALBEMARLE.*
Which lent swift motion to Fames spreading (Wing;
And gain'd you favour with our LORD the (KING.

Yet not this high particular can raise
Sufficient Trophies to your General Praise.
Your Knowledge Universal is, and flies
Through all the Sphears of Physick's Mysteries.
The *Plague*, that *Generalissimo* of all
Diseases, by your Skill's vast Power does fall.
The *Dropsie*, *Jaundice*, *Scurvy*, and the *Gout*,
Your valiant Pills put to a *Total Rout.*
These drain Hydropick Fens, make that Ground (good,
Which worse than useless under Water stood.
How many thousands, who had made their *Wills*,
Do yet survive by these Life-saving PILLS!

Di-

Diſeaſes which in *Ambuſcado* lie
To ruine Man, your Medicines make fly.
Yea, the whole Hoſt of Maladies you *Rout*,
Strong fortify'd Diſtempers you force out.
Diffuſive, Noble Soul! Ev'n all theſe rare
Secrets of Art, freely as GOD gives Air,
You do communicate to all Mankind,
That in this BOOK the SICK their HEALTH (may find.
Art's long, Life's ſhort, ſaid wiſe *Hippocrates*:
Which Aphoriſm your power inverts with eaſe.
Great be your Profit, many be your Days,
And may your Honour ſtill increaſe.

So prays

July 7. 1673. *Honoured Sir,*

Your Humble Servant,

Edward Cocker.

TO

To His Honoured Friend,

The Worthily Accomplished AUTHOR,

On this his no less

Acurate *than* Useful Treatise;

Intituled,

A FRIEND to the SICK: or,

The English Mans Preservation.

PHysick it Self grew desperate *Sick* of late,
And languish'd under an unhappy fate.
To its Assistance all the Sons of Art
Were call'd, their Choice *Arcanums* to impart.
First some in *State*, and *Coaches* gilt, advance,
With Reverend *Plush*, and Learned *Ignorance*;
Who view their *Magick Glass*, the *Urinal*,
And make it more their Bus'ness how to *call*
Diseases, than to *Cure* them; such as still
Act by *Old Book*, and in *rare Method* Kill.
But these prov'd so unable to restore
Art's former *Health*, they but afflict it more.
For *Nature* no such Mystique Course affords,
To Cure *Diseases* only with *hard words*. (Host,
Of *Swaggering Quacks* there next appears an
With lying *Bills* on ev'ry *Pissing Post*;

Fellows

Fellows that ſcorn to *Doſe* it by *Retail*,
But Cure by *Wholeſale*, whatſoe'er you ail.
Such ſilly *Dog-Leaches*, a Man would ſcarce
Entruſt them to give *Phyſick* to an *Horſe*.
The *Healing Art*, by Factions thus oppreſt,
Retir'd a while, *Brave Doctor*, to your Breſt;
And thoſe that now would find it out, muſt look
In *This Rich Magazine of Health*, your Book;
In whoſe ſmall Volumn (*you ſo much have wrought*)
Cauſe, *Symptoms*, *Cure*, of each Diſeaſe is taught.
He that *alone* could cure Great *MONCK* before,
Was fit Decaying *Phyſick* to reſtore.
Which by your pains lifts up its *drooping* Head,
And Liberally for *Common Good* is ſpread.
Your well-try'd *Med'cines* here in Publick hurld,
(Like *Sol*) at once *enlightens* half the World.
Though *ſneaking Envy* nibble at your Name,
In Golden Leaves 'tis *Regiſtred* by Fame.
And after *Ages* ſhall admire that Skill
Which thus Compos'd Your *BOOK* and matchleſs *PILL*.

So aſſuredly propheſies,

Worthy Doctor,

8 Julii 1673.
6 H. P. M.

Your moſt Humble and
Affectionate Servant
Hen. Care,
ΦΙΛΙΑΤΡΟΣ.

To my Worthy Friend

Dr. *WILLIAM SERMON*,

On his New and Excellent Piece Entituled,

A Friend to the Sick, or, *The Honest Englishmans Preservation.*

LEt Zoylus Roar, and Envy Mount above
The Spheres, and there those mighty regions move
Until they Burn, Resolving to defeat
Thy rare Productions, by their scorching Heat,
Their threatning Power shall then be narrowed by
An Awe from Thee, Great Ingenuity!
Sit still brave Sir, and only Laugh to see
The Poor Attempts of Silly Enmity;
Hurt thee they can't, for Nature promis'd thee
Her best Assistance, in Epitome.
Thou hast brought forth unto the Publick View
A sparkling Light that scorns an empty shew.
Its Nature's Store to which she may resort
In her worst Exigents, as to a Fort
That will secure her from the Painful Threats
Of Dropsie, Gout, and from the Foppish Cheats
Of Base Pretenders, whose dull Fancies pry
Not to th' Centre, but superficially

D

Do flutter up and down they know not where,
Until dark Error takes them in his snare.
In ev'ry Line the Judge Experience *sits;*
Trying the Causes, Symptoms, and then fits
Some brave Balsamick, that commands the Rage
Of Natures Foes to quit that Noble Stage
Whereon they thought to muster up such Aid,
As quite the Microcosm to invade.
Go on brave Sir, *and fly on th' Wings of Fame,*
Th' unparallell'd Attempts have got the Name,
Preserver of Great Natures Noble Frame.

M. S.

On this Elaborate WORK
OF
Dr. *WILLIAM SERMON*,
Intituled,
A FRIEND to the SICK: or,
The English Mans Preservation.

AVant, dull *Quacks*, you that *pretend to Skill*,
Yet scarce know how to write a *Pocky Bill.*
Whose Lines, as well as Art, is all so base,
Fit onely to adorn a Pissing Place.
Who by pretence of a most Cordial Liquor,
Do cause the *Grave-maker* t' earn money quicker.

Such as St. *Hugh*'s Bones did produce of late,
Near to the place ycleped *Alderſgate*.
But here's *Arts Maſter-piece* in few lines writ,
Shews the Diſeaſe, likewiſe the Cure of it.
A *General Good*! and who can more aſſure,
Than he who our late *General* did Cure.
More might be ſaid, but when all is ſet forth,
All things come ſhort in all things of its worth.

WILL. WINSTANLY.

To His Honoured Friend,

Dr. *WILLIAM SERMON*,

One of His Majeſties Phyſicians in Ordinary,

On his Book now Publiſhed, Intituled,

A Friend to the Sick, or, *The Honeſt Engliſhmans Preſervation.*

VVElcome, Brave *SERMON*! to the Publick Stage;
The Glory and the Envy of the Age.
When call'd by Soveraign Command to hea
That Grand Phyſitian of our Commonweal,
The Matchleſs *MONCK*, *Briſtol* (whoſe thronging Poor
Were cur'd each day at your *Betheſda*-door)

Il

In Tears and Sighs took a conſtrain'd Adieu,
And parted both at once with Health & You.
So ſhivering ſtands the Forlorn Muſcovite,
When Sol *with-draws his all-refreſhing Light,*
And dooms him to a diſmal half-years Night.
'Tis now *twelve years* ſince firſt I took *your Pill,*
And prov'd the virtue of your mighty Skill.
By whatſoe'er Diſeaſe I'm ſet upon,
I fly to That as my *CATHOLICON.*
But 'tis in vain, and does but make thee leſs,
To think a Verſe thy Praiſes can expreſs.
Let thouſands which thy wond'rous Med'cines
ſave
From Deaths aſſaults, & the devouring Grave,
With general Acclamations bleſs your Name,
And build you Monuments of laſting Fame.
Long may you live, and when at laſt you fly
To glorious Manſions of Eternity,
Forget not Languiſhing Humanity.
No matter for a Tomb or Epitaph,
Leave your Receipt, your Memory is ſafe:
That, that alone your Fame ſhall celebrate,
And make you known *to Times extreameſt date.*
Go on, and proſper to a Glorious End,
Circled with all kind Wiſhes from

Your Friend
and Servant,
RICH. BULL.

To my Honoured Friend the AUTHOR of The English Mans Preservation.

SIr, You surprize me! If this Book of Cures
Health in distempers of each kind procures
'Twill make men bold to sin: some do abstain
From Vice, not for its own sake, but the pain.
Knew these the means of health which you prescribe,
Doubtless, sans fear, the *vice* they would imbibe.
Those *Golden Virtues* which in *Youth* were shown,
Will *Vices* seem, *when once your Cures are known.*
Calista laughs at *Socrates*, when he
With cloudy brow condemns her Venery.
Your Book's her Buckler; nothing dreads her Spirit;
Sh' hath faith in that; let Papists preach of Merit.
Thus whilst you keep their Bodies from decay,
Their Souls neglected are, as *Pluto*'s prey.
Sir, Let your Wisdom stoop, and take from me,
With leave I'll say't, a better *Recipe*
Than's in your Book, a Dose will men advance
More than your *Pills* or *Prescripts*, *Temperance.*
To all your Cordials in the Prime
Prescribe true *Aqua-Vitæ* tak'n in time.
And every morn let Herb of Grace
Amongst the rest your *Recipe*'s take place.
This done, my Muse shall stile you to the end,
The Sick Mans Preservator, and her Friend.

Jo. Welbank.

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A FRIEND TO THE SICK:

OR, The Honest *English* Mans PRESERVATION.

CHAP. I,

Of the Pain in the Head through Heat.

PAins in the Head through Heat, are often caused through the immoderate heat of the Sun, or by standing near great flames of Fire, through hot Baths, and violent Motion, strong and hot Scents, and many times through hot Distem-

pers, ſometimes through over much drinking of Brandy, and other ſtrong and hot Spirits, and alſo by drinking of Wine; eſpecially that which is ſuffiſticated; and ſometimes this Diſeaſe is cauſed through furious paſſion, anger, wrath, *&c.*

The Signs through heat are not only Pains; for if you but touch the outward part of the Head, you may perceive it to be exceeding hot, and the Skin more dry then ordinary, and the Eyes become Red, *&c.*

The Cure of which Diſeaſe may be performed as followeth.

The Patient ought to forbear all ſorts of Meats that are of hard digeſtion, and Milk, and all ſuch Food that fume up into the Head; alſo let him abſtain from Carnal Copulation, trouble of mind, malice, anger, wrath, and let his Body be kept open with the following Gliſter.

Take Mallows, Sage, Strawberries, and Violet-leaves, of each one good handfull. Being Cut and Bruiſed, Boil them in one Quart of Water, to the conſumption of half, then ſtrain it, and add thereto *of the Lenitive Electuary one Ounce and a half, Diacatholicon one Ounce, Oyl of Lillies and Violets, of each ſix Drams, Sal Prunella one Dram*; mix them well

well together, and give it to the Patien Glister-wayes.

Or make use of the Pills made as followeth.

Take of the Pills of Cochia, and Alaphangine, of each one Dram, Tartarum Vitriolatum, one Scruple and a half, with a sufficient quantity of Syrup of Betony, make them up into twenty Pills; whereof take two at night, and three in the morning, once or twice a week.

You may also take Conserve of Roses, two Ounces Manus Christi Simple, half an Ounce, the Powder of Pearl prepared, one Dram; with a sufficient quantity of the Syrup of Violets, make then up into an Electuary, and take the quantity of half a Wallnut first and last.

Or make use sometimes of the following Potion; for it doth not only cool, but mitigate the pain.

Take Syrup of Violets, and Syrup made with the Juice of Citrons, of each one Ounce, with the Distilled water of Cichory and Endive; mix them, and make a Potion thereof, and take one part in the Morning, and the rest at Night warm, repeating the same as need shall require.

And you may apply outward Medicines made as followeth.

Take Rose Water, four Ounces, Vineger of Roses, half an Ounce, Oyl of Roses, two Ounces, the white of two Eggs; mix them well together, and with double Linnen Clothes apply it to the Temples, and fore part of the Head.

Or take white Poppy Seeds, and beat them to Powder; being mixed well together with the Yelkes of new laid Eggs, apply it to the parts aforesaid; for it giveth ease in the most extream pain of the Head, coming of heat, as I have one hundred times experienced.

Or take one good handfull of House-leek, *Oyl of Roses and Womans Milk. of each a small quantity*; being beat well together, apply it to the part grieved.

Or take the leaves of Mallows, and the leaves of Willows, of each two handfulls, Flowers of Melilot and Camomil, of each one handfull, the Flowers of Poppies, half a handfull; boyl them for the space of half an hour in a sufficient quantity of Water, and apply it to the part pained, as afore directed.

Or take the Flowers of Lillies, Violets, *and Roses, of each two handfulls, Vervain, Camomil and Mallows, of each one handfull, Powder of Red Sanders, two Drams, Camphir, one Scruple*; being

being Cut and Bruised, put them into a Bag, an boil it in a sufficient quantity of Water wit a little Vineger of Roses, and apply the Ba warm to the fore part of the head, and to th Temples, when cold, make it warm in the foresaid Liquor, and repeat it as need require

You may annoint the fore-head and Temples with the Oyntment, or Oyl of Roses, or with the Oyl of Night-shade, made as followeth.

Take *May* Butter without Salt, one Pound, Oyl of Roses, eight Ounces, Night-shade, half a Peck; being bruised, boil them well together in an Earthen Vessel, after which strain it hard, and keep it for use; for it is of wonderful virtue

Or take the distilled water of Night-shade, House-leek, and Letuce, *of each one Ounce, the water of Camomil, six Drams, Viniger, half an Ounce*; mix them together, and make moist a Linnen Cloth therein, and apply it to the fore-head, and to the Temples, and doubt not of help; but let none of the foresaid cooling Medicines be applied to the hinder part of the head, least you do harm; for that part of the head cannot suffer cooling without damage'

CHAP. II.

Of the Pain in the head through Cold.

THE cold pains in the head are often caused through the extream coldness of the Air, especialiy when the Patient is constrained to continue long therein with his Head bare, *&c.* and many times by applying of cold Medicines.

The signs of pains in the head caused of cold are quite contrary to those of heat; for though the pain be violent, yet by touching you cannot perceive the head hot, neither are the Eyes red, nor the Face dry, but pale and full, and the Eye-lids swell, and are somewhat Black, or of a Leaden Colour, *&c.* and the Patient seldom desires cold things, neither can he receive comfort thereby.

Such that are troubled with this Distemper, must use exercise and motion, as walking or riding; but let not the Air be too cold, the head must be kept warm. Let the Patient labour to be merry, and cast away

away Melancholly and sadness, and all perturbations of the mind.

Let him abstain from Milk and Fish, *&c.* which are cool in operation, and drink thin Wine, or such Liquors as do but moderately heat; the Body must be kept soluble with Glisters, or Supositors, *&c.*

You must not apply to the head Medicines that are extream hot, neither such that are exceeding cold; least you hurt the Brain.

In order to the cure of this Disease.

Take Oyl of Rue, one Ounce, the Chymical of Rosemary and Lavender, *of each one Scruple;* being mixed well together anoint the fore part of the Head and Temples therewith, and likewise the Nostrils, and the Orifices of the Ears,

Or take the Oyl of Dill and Orris, of each one Ounce, Oyl of Marjorum, Rosemary and Amber, of each one Scruple, Oyl of Euphorbium, ten Drops, mix them well together, and use it as afore directed.

Take Betony, Mints, Marjorum, Wild Betony, of each one handfull, the Flowers of Lavender, *of each half a handfull, Caraway Seeds, half an Ounce, Cloves, two Drams;* being cut small, make a quilt thereof with Silk,

or Linnen Cloth, and apply it to the Head warm, ſprinkled firſt with a ſmall quantity of the beſt Vinegar, and with ſome Spirit of Lavender, if you can with conveniency have it.

And let the Patient take Camomil, Betony, Sage, Origan, Bay Leaves, Stæchæs, Roſemary, and Melilot Flowers, of each one handfull; being boiled in a ſufficient quantity of Water, let the fume thereof go up into the Noſtrils and Mouth.

Or take Bay-berries, two Drams, Zedvary, half an Ounce, the tops of Roſemary, half a handfull; being cut and bruiſed, boil them in one Quart of white Wine, to the conſumption of half, and bath the head therewith, and apply it warm to the ſame, with double Cloths.

Or take Juniper-berries, Camomil, Rue, the Flower of Gray Peas, of each one handfull; being quilted in a ſmall Cloth, boil them in Wine, and apply it to the Head warm, repeating the ſame as need require.

Or take Lavender and Roſemary Flowers, of each one Ounce, Marjorum, half an Ounce, being put in a convenient Glaſs, pour thereto two Quarts of Roſe Water; and ſtop it up cloſe, and let it ſtand for the ſpace of nine days in a cold

cold Seller, after which distill it, and keep it for use; for it taketh away the cold pains of the Head, *&c.* to admiration, the fore part of the Head and Temples being bathed therewith every Morning for some time together.

I told you before it would be necessary in this Disease to keep the Body soluble, in order to which you may make use of the Glister, or some of the Pills directed in the Chapter of the *Vertigo*, and assure your selves that they will prove very profitable.

CHAP.

CHAP. II.

Of the pain in the head through the French Pox.

THose that are infected with this Diſeaſe, have a perpetual pricking and ſharp pain in the head.

The cauſe of which ariſeth from the Putriſaction of the Blood, contained in the Veins and Meninges, or of a Windy Spirit in the Arteries of the ſame.

The ſign of this Diſeaſe is manifeſt and accompanied with the reſt of the ſigns of the *French* Pox, as tumours in the Muſcles, and skin of the head, *&c.*

Which Diſeaſe being cured ceaſeth; *in order to which make uſe of the following Medicines.*

Begin with the Gliſter; for it will draw back the matter that cauſeth the pain in the head.

Take Nettles, Bay-leaves, Mercury, Rue, Marſh Mallows, Betes, of each one handfull, the Roots of Pollipody, one Ounce, the bark of Broom, and the Seeds of Carthami, of each half an Ounce, the Flowers of Camomil and Stachas, of each one Pugil;

Pugil; being cut and bruised, boil them in a sufficient quantity of Water, to the consumption of half, strain it and take thereof one Pint, to which add *Confectio Hemach, and the Juice of Orris Clarified, of each one Ounce, Hiera simple, half an Ounce, Oyl of Castor, Rue, Dill, and Honey of Roses, of each one ounce, common Salt, one Dram*; being mixed all well together, make a *Glister* thereof, which administer to the Patient in the morning fasting.

The next day it will be necessary to open the Cephalick Vein in the right Arm, which will also be a means to take away the vitious humours.

After which make use of the following Pills.

Take Pills of Arabick; and Pills of Fœtida, of each one Dram, Troches of Alhandal, six Grains, the Chymical Oyl of Marjorum, twelve Drops; mix them together, and make them up into twenty Pills, of which take five every second or third morning six hours before Dinner.

Or take Extractum Rudij, and the extract of Black Hellebor, of each two Drams, Mercurius Dulcis six times sublimed, four Scruples, Gum Guajacum, two Drams, Oyl of Guajacum, one Scru-

Scruple, the Pills of Arthriticæ, four Scruples; mix them together, and of every Dram make ſix Pills, whereof take two at night, and three in the Morning twice or thrice a week.

Or you may take of my Cathartique and Diuretique Pills, (of my own invention,) one at night, and two in the morning (more or leſs) according to the age and ſtrength of the Patient; for they do not only expel pain in the head, cauſed through the *French* Diſeaſe, but moſt other violent pains, eſpecially thoſe cauſed by taking Mercurial Medicines for the Cure of the aforeſaid Diſtemper, and that from Idle fellows that are ignorant of the nature and quality of Mercury; but much more how to diſpel it when got in the head.

Notwithſtanding taking of the *Pills*, let the Patient apply to his Head the *Plaſter of Betony*; which he may have made up by the honeſt Apothecary, and let him alſo make uſe of the following Liquor.

Take Betony three or four good handfulls, the Flowers of Roſemary and Lavender, of each one Ounce, boil them in four quarts of running water in a Veſſel cloſe ſtopped, to the conſumption

sumption of half, then strain it, and sweeten it with Sugar Candy, of which let the Patient take a quarter of a Pint hot first and last.

Or take the tops of Rosemary, one handfull Betony two handfulls; boil them, and sweeten it with Sugar Candy, and take thereof as afore directed.

With this very Method I have cured many sorely tormented not only with pain in the Head alone, but with corrupt and pocky matter issuing forth of the Eyes and Nostrils.

You may anoint the head with the following Oyntment, the hair being first shaved off.

Take Sage, Rue, Stœchas, Lignum Vitæ rasped, of each one handfull, Renish Wine, eight Ounces, old Oyl, one Pound; boil these together till the Wine be consumed, then strain it, and if you please mix therewith a little Wax, and anoint the head often with it.

Or take Peny-royal, Wild Betony, Origan, Sage, Savin, Savory, of each two Drams, Bayberries, Olibanum, Costus's Pellitory of Spain, *Castor Euphorbium, of each one Scruple; mix them and make it into an Oyntment.*

Or take Venice Treacle, Mithridate, Oyl of Rue, of each half an Ounce, with a sufficient quantity

quantity of the distilled water of Juniper-berries; make them into an Oyntment, and annoint the head therewith as afore directed.

CHAP. IV.

Of the Vertigo.

THE Virtigo is a preternatural Motion of the Animal Spirit, in the farther Ventricle of the Brain.

The principal cause of this disease cometh from the Brain it self, being distempered, or evil affected, or from the mouth of the Stomack or Womb, *&c.* offending the Brain, and sometimes by over much drinking, (especially) that destructive Liquor called Brandy, do cause this distemper, the Stomack being poisoned therewith, from which windy and noxious Vapours affect the Brain; causing a giddiness in the Head, so that all Objects seemingly turn ronnd, the Patient being not able to stand, but fall down except he laid hold on some thing to bare himself upon, which Disease if not timely prevented; will change it self into several other deadly

deadly Distempers, as the Falling Sickness, Apoplexy, &c. being somewhat related thereunto.

The Cure may be performed as followeth, as soon as the fit is over, and the Patient having recovered a little strength, if the Body be costive or bound.

Forthwith make use of the following Suppositor.

Take Honey and Salt, and mix therewith one Scruple, or half of a Dram of Troches Alhandal: boil them together, and make thereof a Suppositor according to Art, and thrust it up into the Fundament.

Or take the Leaves of Mercury, Wormwood, Betes, Mallows, Centaury, Betony, Dill, Camomil Flowers, of each half a handfull; being cut and bruised, boil them in a sufficient quantity of water, to the consumption of half, then strain it, and to one Pint of the Liquor add *Oyl of sweet Almonds, Oyl of Dill, of each one Ounce and an half, Heira simple, ten Drams, common Salt, one Dram*; mix them together, and make a Glister thereof, which put up into the Fundament according to art.

If the *Vertigo* come of a cholerick humour, it will be necessary for the Patient to drink of

of the Liquor made as followeth, three days together.

Take Syrup of Cichory, infusion of Roses, of each two Ounces, Distilled water of Endive and Cichory, of each four Ounces, the distilled Water of Wormwood three Ounces.

Mix them together, whereof take one part in the morning, the rest one hour before Supper.

After which the more to evacuate choleric humours.

Take the bark of Mirobolanes and Citrons, of each three Drams; being bruised, boil them in the distilled Water of Cichory and Burage, of each three Ounces, after which strain it, and add thereto *Syrup of Roses, Solutive, one Ounce; Diacatholicon, and the Lenitive Electuary, of each half an Ounce.*

Being well mixed, and a Potion made thereof, take it betimes in the morning, and fast after it six hours.

If the *Vertigo* come of a crude and melancholy humour, the Pills following will be very proper.

Take the Pills of Arabick, Cochiæ and Aurea, of each 15. or 20. Grains, Troches of Agarick, ten Grains, with a sufficient quantity of Honey of Roses, make them up into seven Pills.

Which

Which are to be taken three at night going to Bed, and the rest in the Morning if need require.

Or, *Take the Pills of Fnde, and Lapis Lazuli, of each* 15. *or* 20. *Grains, make them into seven Pills, with a sufficient quantity of the distilled Water of Fumatory.*

And take them as afore directed.

Or, *Take Heira Picra Simple, and make it up into Pills as big as Gray Peaſe.*

And take thereof three at a time every second or third night at the hour of sleep; for they are of excellent use, and good against vicious Juice, which oftentimes Furr the Tunicles of the Stomack, and for such idle fancies as the Brain suffers thereby.

The Pills of Fætidæ taken once or twice aweek, are also a very good remedy against the *Vertigo.*

So are my Cathartique and Diuretique Pills, taken two or three at a time, more or leſs, according to the age and ſtrength of the Patient.

For they above any yet found out, are of most excellent use to cleanse the Stomack of all pituitous matter, so hinders the ascension of Vapours from thence, that so frequently hurt the Brain: The like Vertue

they have in all other Diſtempers that affect the ſame, which in the following diſcourſe ſhall be more plainly demonſtrated.

Medicines which ſtrengthen the Stomack and Brain in this diſtemper, are made as followeth, and are exceeding profitable.

Take Miſſelto of the white Thorn or Oak, Gallingal, Mace, of each one Dram and a half, Nutmegs, Roſemary, of each one Dram, Cloves half a Dram, Sugar one Ounce, mix them, and beat them into fine Powder, and take the quantity of one Dram every night going to Bed for fourteen days together.

Or, *Take Muſtard Seed and Hemp Seed, of each a like quantity, and infuſe them in Vinegar 24. hours, then ſtrain it, and take thereof one or two Spoonfulls at a time every morning faſting.*

Or, *Take Cummin Seed, and infuſe it for the ſpace of 12. hours in the beſt White Wine Vinegar, after which dry it very well, then take two Drams thereof, Fennel Seed, Anniſeed, Anacardii, of each half an Ounce, Hyſop, Marjoram, Cardamoms, Cubebes, Roſemary, of each two Drams, Gallingal, Mace, Nutmegs, of each one Dram, double refined Sugar five Ounces.*

Mix

Mix and make all into fine Powder, and take a small quantity thereof every day after Meals upon toasted Bread so long as it lasts; or make it up into an Electuary with Syrup of Betony, and take it as afore directed.

To strengthen the Brain if the *Vertigo* come of a cold cause.

Take dry Marjorum, Cinamon, Cloves, of each one Scruple, Cubebes, Mace, Nutmegs, of each one Dram, Rocket Seed two Drams; being cut into small pieces, mix them well together, of which let the Patient take a small quantity, and chew in his mouth every morning fasting as long as need shall require; and each time let the Nostrils be stopped, till the tast thereof be gone forth of the Mouth.

If Flegm be the cause of this Disease, the following Gargarisme will prove of special use: However it will be requisite if Flegm be not the cause.

Take Rocket Seed half an Ounce, *Pellitory of* Spain, *three Drams Betony and Marjoram, of each half a handfull*; cut and bruise them, and boil them in White Wine and Water, of each half a Pint, to the consumption of half, strain it, and add thereto three Ounces of Honey of Roses, and gargle therewith once

or twice a day; for it doth most wonderfully attract or draw the pituitous matter from the Brain, &c.

So doth the Juice of Black and Red Beets, or the Juice of Sow Bread, being snuffed up into the Nostrils.

If the Disease prove violent you may safely bleed in the Cephalick Vein, not too much at a time; but take it forth at several times, least the Patient faint. When the body is purged according to the aforesaid directions, apply blistering Plaisters to the Nape of the Neck, and Hand-rists; or apply Cupping Glasses to the hinder part of the head, with scarification.

CHAP.

CHAP. V.

Of the Falling Sickness.

THe Falling Sickness is a Convulsion, or for the most part a præternatural motion of the whole body, and most commonly depriveth the Patient both of Reason and Sense.

There are three differences in this Distemper.

The first is caused when this Disease cometh only through the disease in the Brain, as it falleth out, when sharp Choler, or gross and tough Flegm doth obstruct the passage of the Spirit in the Ventricle of the Brain; and if this distemper cometh of a gross humour, it doth suddenly seize upon the Patient, and is quickly gone again.

The second Cause is through an evil affect in the Orifice of the Stomack, that may be when the Brain laboureth to expel the Vapours that arise up to it from the Stomack.

The third cauſe is from Vapours which, aſcend by conſent from moſt parts of the Body, or elſe from ſome particular Member, which the Patient may perceive like to cold Air creeping up to the Brain, but this doth but ſeldom happen.

The ſigns of the Falling ſickneſs are many; in ſome ſadneſs and forgetfulneſs, *&c.* in others a fooliſh ſtate both of Body and Mind; troubleſome dreams; the Head-ach, and fullneſs in it; more eſpecially in paſſion or anger, the Face commonly pale, and the motion of the Tongue inordinate, and oftentimes they bite it.

As ſoon as this Diſeaſe ſeizeth upon the Patient, he falls down and is plucked up together, he ſnorts, and ſometimes cries out, many tremble and turn round. The only ſign of this Diſeaſe is foaming at the Mouth, which happens moſt to Children and young people.

In the fit of the Falling Sickneſs, as ſoon as the Patient falleth down, open his Mouth with a ſtick, the haft of a Knife, or with the handle of a Spoon, and after his Mouth is made clean by taking away the foam with a Rag or Feather, give him to drink the following Julip.

Take

Take the distilled Water of Lavender, three Spoonfulls, Syrup of Cowslips, one Ounce, Spirit of Vitriol, or the Oyl of the same well rectified, 20. Drops; being mixed together give it as afore directed.

The Chymical Oyl of Angelica given in the foresaid Water, and Syrup, doth also take away the Fit.

Or, *Take Red Coral, Pearl prepared, of each half a Scruple, Unicorns Horn two Scruples, the Skull of a man hanged, or killed by chance, half a Dram, the Roots and Seeds of Peony, of each half a Scruple, Musk three or four Grains*; being mixed and made into fine Powder, give to the Patient in the Fit from half a Dram to two Scruples, or a whole Dram to the stronger sort, first infused for a small time in the distilled Water of Lavender.

Or, *Take white Helleber, Marjoram, of each one Scruple, Castor and Euphorbium of each four Grains*; being mixed and made into fine Powder, blow a small quantity at a time through a Quill up into the Patients Nostrils.

Or, *Take the Seeds of Nigella, half a Dram, Nutmegs, Peony Roots, Mumma, of each* 10 *Grains, dryed Marjorum, six Grains, Musk,*

two Grains; all being made into Powder, blow it up into the Noſtrils as afore directed.

Thoſe and ſuch like I will aſſure you are of excellent uſe in the very fit of this Diſeaſe.

How to prevent and Cure the Falling Sickneſs,

Take Syrup made with the Juice of Betony and Cichory, of each half an Ounce, the diſtilled Water of Lillies of the Vally, two Drams, Musk, twelve Grains, mix them well together, and take a ſmall quantity thereof firſt and laſt with a Liquorice ſtick.

Or, *Take Roſemary, Betony, Sage, of each one Ounce, the Roots of Cichory, and Citron Pills Candied, cut in very ſmall pieces, of each half an Ounce, Species Diamoſchi dulcis, Diambra, of each one Dram and a half, Miſſelto of the Oak or White Thorn, Red Coral prepared, the Skull of a Man, and the Aſhes of a Cuckow, of each one Dram, the Seeds of Peony two Drams, Oyl of Cynamon*, 10 *drops*; with a ſufficient quantity of the Syrup

of

of Betony, make it up into an Electuary according to Art; whereof let the Patient take every morning fasting the quantity of half a Wallnut.

Or make use of the following Powder.

Take the Roots of Cichory and Red Mugwort, of each one Dram, Misselto of the White Thorn, the Skull of a Man, of each four Scruples, Peony Seed two Scruples, Red Coral prepared, Unicorns Horn, of each one Scruple, Pearl prepared half a Scruple, Musk ten Grains; being mixed and made into very fine Powder, let the patient take the quantity of one Dram at a time, about the Full and Change of the Moon, or near the approaching of the Fit, in three or four Spoonfulls of the distilled Water of Lavender.

Or take young Swallows, burn them in their Feathers, altogether in a new Earthen Pot, covered very close, and after they are taken forth of the Pot, add thereto as much Castor, and beat them well together, and put it into a Glass, and add thereto sour Vineger, and let it so stand three days, after which distill it in a Glass according to Art; of which precious

precious Water give to the Patient one Spoonfull at a time every Morning forty days together, and doubt not of a good success.

Or, *Take Assafœtida, Galbanum, Castor, of each one Dram, make them up into* 30. *Pills, with the best Oyl of Amber, whereof take one every third morning, after which fast two or three hours,*

Or, *Take Missel to of the White Thorn, Peony Roots dryed, and beat into fine Powder, of each one Ounce, the best Castor in Powder two Drams, Leaf Gold one Scruple, with a sufficient quantity of the best old Mithridate, Mustard, and Oyl of Amber in equal parts*; being beaten all together in a Marble Morter, make it up into Pills as big as white Peas, of which take three or five every day first and last for three Months together, *&c.*

With this very Medicine (*with the use of my Cathartique and Diuretique Pills*, to keep the body soluble.) I cured Mrs. *Elizabeth Hampton* in the Year 1662. then belonging to Sir *Robert Byrons* Lady, who Lodged at the Countess of *Peterbrough's* in St. *Martins Lane* in the Fields: This Cure was perfectly affected in one Spring and Fall, though some years most horribly afflicted therewith, often falling

falling suddenly down, sometimes in the Church, at other times in the fire, *&c.* to the great hazard of her life, who ever since remains well and free from the least Symptoms of those Fits.

Many have been cured by opening the Vein in the Forehead, called *Vena Frontis*, and by drinking first in the Morning from two Drams to one Ounce of Vinegar of Squills.

Some have been cured by Vomits made with the Salt of Vitriol, which may safely be given from two Grains to seven in any convenient Liquor; every fourth or fifth day, till the Patient have taken it six or seven times,

Or, *Take Conserve of Rosemary, Betony and Lavender Flowers, of each two Ounces,* Mithridate *and Ringo, Roots Candied, of each one Ounce, the Powder of Saxafras six* Drams, *Castor three Drams, Elkes Hoof, and the Powder of a mans Skull that was never buried, of each two* Drams, *the Seeds of Gith, and the Roots and Seeds of Peony, Wild Rue and Pelitory, of each one* Dram, *with a sufficient quantity of Oxymel of Squills*; make it up into an Electuary, and take as much as a large Nutmeg every Morning.

Many

Many have received much good by Vesicatories or Blistering Plaisters applyed to the proper parts.

And by a Seton or *S*kein of Silk drawn through the Neck.

Others (as it were) past all hopes of recovery, have been perfectly cured by opening part of the Skull with a *Trepan*, some distance from the Sutures, to let the evil Air forth.

But the last cannot be safely attempted without good advice, and a very skilfull Chirurgon.

For

For the Falling Sickness in Children.

In the first place if need require make the body soluble with a gentle Glister, or with a Supositor, after which give to the Child some gentle Purge.

Take the Syrup of Cichory, with Rubarb from half an Ounce to an Ounce, or the Electuary of Diacarthamum, from a Dram to two Drams.

Or, *Take the Tincture of Hiera Picra, from ten drops to twenty, and give to the Child in some proper Liquor, as the distilled Water of Cowslips, Black Cherries, Peony or Lavender, sweetned with Sugar.*

And take the fresh roots of Peony, cut them in small pieces, and hang them about the Childs Neck, and bind them upon the Hand-rist, and repeat them as they grow hard.

Or,

Or, *Take the distilled water of* Black Cherries *two Ounces, the Syrup of Peony one Ounce, Pearl prepared one* Dram, *Spirit of Rue ten drops, and give thereof to the Child one Spoonfull in the fit.*

Or take a small Mouse, the Skin and the Guts taken away; only the Liver, Heart and Lungs remaining therein, which put together in some Earthen pot close covered, and burn it to Ashes, then powder it very small, and divide it into three parts, and give one part thereof to the Child every Morning in a small quantity of the distilled Water of Beech-tree Flowers.

The Juice of Rue is also very good, being given four or five drops at a time with the distilled Water of the Flowers of Hogs Fennel, called Mathern, or May Flowers.

In the same Water you may give to the Child the Powder of the middle Claw of the fore Foot of a Hare.

The After-birth of a sound Woman which is delivered of a Male Child, dryed and made into fine Powder, and one Scruple thereof given

given to a Child at a time in Black Cherry Water, is a present remedy.

Half a Grain of Musk given in Wine or the foresaid Water twice a day, will also help: or take the Powder of the Roots of wild Valerian, and give thereof ten Grains at a time in Milk, or in any of the foresaid Waters, and it Cureth.

Or, *Take the Flowers of Lillies of the Valley, the Flowers of Lime-tres or Tile*, May *Flowers*: *of each one good handfull, Lavender Flowers half a handfull, Peony* Roots *two Ounces*; *being cut small, boil them in one Quart of Water, with half a Pint of white wine, and one pound of white* Sugar, *in a stone* Bottle *close stopped, and set in a pot of water for two or three hours; but open not the* Bottle *till it be cold, then strain it and keep it for use*; of which give to the Child one or two Spoonfulls at a time; for I will assure you it is a very excellent remedy, and has cured many which have been left past recovery.

Or give to the Child in the very Fit, all the Gall of a Black sucking Puppy (being choaked)

in the distilled water of Tile-flowers; but for a Girl take the Gall of a Bitch Whelp.

There may be safely Blistering Plaisters applyed to the Nape of the Neck, Cupping Glasses to the Shoulders and Loins, with Scarification, provided the Child be a year and half, or two years of Age.

CHAP.

CHAP. VI.

Of the Apoplexie.

AN Apoplexie is a sudden privation both of the Sense and Motion of the Body, and an interruption of the Animal Functions.

There are two sorts of *Apoplexies*, the one strong, the other more mild; the strong is a most sharp Distemper, and strangleth a Man forthwith, (or if not presently prevented, turneth to a *Palsey*) and is seldom cured.

But the milder sort is curable; for in it both Motion and Sense remain, but both very stupid, heavy, and exceeding dull.

The cause of the *Apoplexie* is (too frequently in these dayes) drunkenness, falls from high places, blows, *&c.* also it happeneth of Flegmatick Humours which doth fill and obstruct at one time the principal Ventricles of the Brain; very cold Air which congeals or thickens the moist Excrements of the Brain, is also oftentimes the cause of

this distemper, and it frequently cometh through gross melancholy humours.

The Symptoms or Signs of this deadly distemper, are violent pains in the Head, swelling of the Neck Veins, a Vertigo, and a brightness or a kind of glittering before their Eyes, panting of the Body, a coldness of the extream parts, without any cause visible, dull and slow in motion, and in sleep oftentimes gnaw their Teeth, their Urine little in quantity, and black, much like to Rust, and the Canker in Mettals, and hath a setling in the bottom like to flower.

Such that are troubled with the *Apoplexie* have not always evil Symptoms perceived before hand, but fall down suddenly as if they were struck with Thunder, and they lie with their Eyes fastned, and snort without Sense, Motion or Understanding, differing from the dead only by Breathing, and that with much difficulty.

This Disease for the most part happens to old men that are decrepit, and of a Flegmatick Complexion, and to the great drinkers of Brandy, and decayed Wine, too much made use of in these dayes, were the Truth known.

The Cure of the milder sort of *Apoplexie* may be performed as followeth.

If the Cure be not too desperate in plethorick or full Bodies, where strength will permit, open the Cephalick Veins; but take not away too much blood at a time, but rather at several times: I have often seen the Jugular Veins on both sides the Neck opened not without wonderfull success: However bleeding ought not to be attempted without very good advice.

But give to the Patient the Glister made as followeth.

Take Lavender, Hyssop. Pennyroyal, Centaury, Marjoram, Betony, Rue, Origan, Sage, of each half a handfull, Seeds of Fennel, Carawayes, Seselis Agarick, Pollipody, Pulp of Colocynthis, of each two Drams, cut and bruise them, and boil them in a sufficient quantity of Water, to the consumption of half, then strain it, and to one Pint of the strained Liquor; *add thereto Salt Gemmæ one Dram and a half, Hiera Picra one Ounce and a half, Oyl of Rue, Castor and Bay-berries, of each half an Ounce, the Extract of black Hellebor one Scruple*; mix them altogether, and make a Glister thereof.

Or, *Take hard Honey, half an Ounce, Euphorbium half a Scruple, the Powder of Colocinthys twenty Grains, Sal Gemma two Scruples*; boil them together, and make Suppositories thereof, and fix Threads thereto, that after they are put up into the Fundament, you may draw them forth at pleasure.

When you have done thus, provoke the Patient to Sneese with the following Powder.

Take Pellitory of Spain, *Marjoram, white Hellebor, of each half a Scruple, Euphorbium and Castor, of each five Grains*; being made into fine Powder, snuff it up into the Nostrils, or blow it up through a Quill, but a little at a time.

Or make use of the Powder directed in the Chapter of the Falling sickness, made as followeth,

Take the Seeds of Nigella half a Dram, Nutmeg, Mumia, Peony Roots, of each ten Grains, dryed Marjoram six Grains, Musk two Grains; all being made into fine powder, blow a small quantity thereof up into the Nostrils.

For it is most wonderfully effectual in the Fit of the *Vertigo, Falling Sickness*, and *Apoplexie*,

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In places where such ingredients cannot be soon obtained; take Nutmeg, Ginger and sweet Marjoram, or Ginger alone, and blow it up into the Nostils, as afore directed.

Or let the Patient smell to *Galbanum Castor*, *Opoponax*, or *Sagapenum*; which will be a means to raise and stir him up.

It will also be necessary to annoint the Patients Back bone with the following Oyntment.

Take Oyl of Euphorbium, Castor, of each one Ounce, Oyl of Costinum one Ounce, the Oyl of Petræleum and Juniper, of each two Drams, with a sufficient quantity of Virgins Wax, make it into an Oyntment.

And take every Morning fasting the quantity of a Nutmeg of the Electuary made as followeth; for it is a great preseruative against the Apoplexie.

Take the Conserve of Sage, Betony, of each half an Ounce, Rosemary one Ounce, Venice Treacle, three Drams, the Confection of Anacardin two Drams, Diambra and Diamoschi Dulcis, of each one Dram, Powder of Castor, and Seeds of Rocket, of each half a Dram with Syrup of Betony; take them up into an Electuary, to which mix Oyl of Vitriol two Scruples, Oyl of Cinamon ten drops stirring it well together.

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Or, *Take Rosemary and Lavender-flowers, of each one handfull, Roses, Violets, Stæchados, Origan, of each half a handfull, Pellitory, Peony Roots, Gallingal, of each half an Ounce, Sea or Mountain Onion, two Drams, Cubebes, one Dram, Cloves, Cardamoms, Cinamon, of each twenty Grains; being cut and bruised, boil them in one Pint of the distilled Water of Marjoram, and a Pint and a half of Betony Water mixed together, after which strain it, and sweeten it with half a pound of the best Sugar, or with eight or ten Ounces of the Syrup of Stæchados;* and take thereof three or four spoonfulls every Morning fasting.

Purging Medicines proper in this Disease are made as followeth.

Take Extract of black Hellebor, from 10 *Grains to* 15, *Rosin of Colocynthis three Grains, Spirit of Sal Armoniack, six drops, Tartar Vitriolatum,* Powder *of Castor, of each ten Grains, with a sufficient quantity of the distilled water of* Sage; make them into a Potion which you may take every third Morning if need require.

Or, *Take Pills of Euphorbium, Cochiæ, Aurea, of each* 15 *or* 20 *Grains, Troches Alhandal three Grains, with the distilled Water of Marjoram* make them up into seven Pills, of which take

take three at night, and four in the Morning; especially near the Full and Change of the Moon.

Or take the Pills directed in the Chapter of the *Vertigo*.

Or make use of the following Liquor.

Take the Flowers of Sage, Rosemary, Betony and Lavender, of each one good handfull, Castor two Drams, Sugar-candy four Ounces; boil these in one Gallon of Water to the consumption of the third part, strain it, and drink thereof at any time hot; for it is of excellent use to prevent the Apoplexie.

CHAP. VII.

Of the Palsey.

THe Palsey is a distemper wherein the one half of the Body, either the right or left doth lose both Sense and Motion, and then it may be called a general Palsey. But sometimes it hapneth in one Member only, as in the Head, the Tongue, the Hand, and the Yard, Leg, *&c.*

In the Palsey sometimes Sense is only lost, and sometimes Motion alone, and at other times both Sense and Motion.

The cause of this Disease is through abundance of gross, tough and clammy Humours, which obstruct or stop the Sinews, hindering the Animal faculty, that it cannot come from the Fountain to the Members. Sometimes it is caused through immoderate Cold, at other times through excessive heat or inflamation; or by some Schirrus or hardness in the Back bone, or in the parts adjacent, or in other Sinewy parts over much pressed

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or crushed; by which means the Animal faculty cannot pass: Many times it is caused through a Feaver, and that principally ingendred of melancholy, possessing the mind, and changing the temperature thereof: It is frequently caused three manner of ways, sometimes of Melancholy it self, and sometimes by the alteration of the Blood in the Brain, and through inflammation and evil affect of the Stomack and Sides.

The signs of the Palsey are many, as sadness, fearfulness, envy, hatred, strange fantasies or imaginations,

This is no acute Disease, but Chronical, or of long continuance, and for the most part curable, especially in young people, or when the paralitick Member doth not become less, or change his Colour; for if so, it is hardly curable.

In this Distemper his Diet ought to be slender and drying, and for the first two or three days let him altogether abstain, or be content with Broath made of Barley unhusked, or with Mede, *&c.* after let him have Meat of good Juice, and of light digestion, and that well Roasted. Let him eat Partridge, Larks, and such like, *Pine-nuts*, and *Almonds*,

monds. Let him take of *Savory, Sage, Parsley, Fennel, Hyssop* and *Marjoram.*

And forbear all things that are cold and moist, as Fish, Fruit, *&c.* and drink sparingly, except of *Honey* and *Water*, wherein is boiled *Sage* and *Cinamon.*

Or of the drink made as followeth.

Take Gallingal, long Pepper, Nutmegs, Cloves and Mace, of each one Dram, Cardamoms one Dram and a half, Ginger half an Ounce, the best Cinamon two Ounces; boil them altogether in three or four Quarts of running Water, to the consumption of half, then strain it, and add thereto eight Ounces of the best Sugar, and drink thereof a small quantity at a time first and last.

In the time of Cure drink no Brandy; neither any other strong Spirits of that Nature: Also forbear Wine, except a small quantity towards the latter end of the Cure. Exercise and motion is good, also mirth; sleep in the night, but not in the day.

The Cure ought to be began with Bloodletting, if age and strength will permit; (especially where fullness abounds) but it ought to be taken away with moderation, least the Body should be over much cooled, and also observe to open the Veins on the well and whole

whole side, and a day or two after cleanse the Bowels with the following Glister.

Take Sage, Betony, Camomil, Mercury, both sorts of Mallows, of each one handfull, Calamint and Rue, of each half a handfull, Stœchados half an Ounce, the Seeds of Ammeos and Fennel, of each two Drams; Cut and Bruise them, and boil them in a sufficient quantity of Water, to the consumption of the third part, strain it, and take a Pint thereof; *to which add the Electuary called Benedictum Laxativum, and Diacatholicon, of each half an Ounce, the Extract of black Hellebor 20 Grains, Oyl of Rue, Oris and Bayes, of each six Drams, Salt of Gemma two Scruples*; being mixed together, and a Glister made thereof, put it up according to Art.

You may make use of the Pills directed in the Chapter of the *Vertigo*; for they are very proper in this Distemper.

The next day after Purging make use of the sweating Potion made as followeth.

Take Venice Treacle one Dram, the Powder of Virginia *Snakeweed, one Scruple, Oyl of Vitriol well Rectified, ten drops, Syrup of Cowslips, one Ounce, Carduus Water three Ounces*; mix them all well together, and make a Potion thereof, which take in the Morning, and sweat

as ſtrength will permit, repeating the ſame as need require.

To comfort and ſtrengthen the Vital and Animal Spirits; eſpecially in perſons afflicted with this Diſeaſe, make uſe of the following Cordial Julip.

Take of the diſtilled water of Cowſlips and Lavender, of each three Ounces, Syrup of Betony and Cowſlips, of each two Ounces, Spirit of Lavender, and Caſtor, of each one Ounce and a half, Oyl of Vitriol Rectified 20 drops, or as much as will cauſe it to be of a ſharp taſt; of which take one Spoonfull firſt and laſt, or at any time when ill or fainty.

Anoint the Region of the Back with the following Oyntment.

Take Oyl of Nutmegs, Nard Oyl, and Oyl of Foxes, of each one Ounce, the Juice of Sage and St. Johnwort, of each three Drams, Sagapenum diſſolved in Juniper Water, two Drams, Powder of Caſtor and Euphorbium, of each one Dram; with a ſufficient quantity of Wax make it up into an Oyntment.

Or, *Take the Oyl of Juniper berries, Euphorbium and Caſtor, of each half an Ounce, Oyl of St. Johnſwort and Terpentine, of each one Dram, the Water of Juniper, three Drams*; mix them all well together, and anoint the parts affected

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ed therewith; for it is also of excellent vertue.

Or, *Take Oyl of Earth-worms, Foxes and Castor, of each one Ounce, Lucatelles Balsom, two or three Ounces, Spirit of Sack, half an Ounce, the Chymical Oyl of Rosemary, one Dram and a half*; mix them well together, and anoint the Back therewith hot, and the other parts affected, and cover them with warm Cloths.

Another Oyntment of excellent use in the Palsey, and weakness of the Limbs, pains in the Joynts, *&c.*

Take Bay-leaves, Rue, St. Johns-wort, of each three handfulls, Camomil, Sage and green Rosemary, of each one handfull, cut and bruise them very small, then add thereto Neats-foot Oyl three Pints, Caraway Seed bruised one Ounce and a half, after which boil them all together over a gentle fire, till the Oyl become Green, and the Herbs dry, then strain it, and add to the strained Liquor one Bull or Steers Gall, six Ounces of the best Aqua Vitæ, Oyl of Turpentine three Ounces; boil it again two or three walms, and keep it for use.

With which precious Balm anoint the paralitick Member twice a day.

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How to Cure the Palsey in the Tongue. First, let the body be well purged with the Pills afore directed.

Or, *Take of the Pills of Assaiereth, Cochiæ, Troches, or Extract of Agarick, of each two Scruples, with a sufficient quantity of the distilled Water of Sage, make them up into Pills, ten in number*; whereof take two at night and three in the Morning.

The next day take Mustard made with Elder Vinegar, and often chew in your mouth, in the same manner you may use Pellitory of Spain, *Mustard Seed, or hold in your mouth half an Ounce of Spirit of Lavender; mixing therewith one or two Grains of the Powder of Euphorbium*; all which have been known of wonderful effect. In such cases some apply blistering Plaisters to the Nape of the neck.

For the Palsey in the Hands.

Take Elder-leaves, and make a decoction thereof in strong Beer, add thereto good store of Mustard, and bath your hands therein hot.

Some rub the Hands with Camomil with good success.

Or anoint them well with the Oyntments afore directed, and wear Hare Skins upon the parts affected.

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For the Palsey in the Bladder and Yard

When the Palsey is in the Bladder, the Urine is stopped, and sometimes it passeth away without the consent of the Patient.

So anoint the lower part of the Belly and Privy parts with the following Oyntment. *Take Oyl of Nard, Rue, Cummin, of each half an Ounce, Opoponax, Castor and Galbanum dissolved in Butter, of each a quarter of an Ounce;* being mixed well together, use it as afore directed, and inject a small quantity thereof into the Bladder warm; but if the Urine be stopped, then first force the Patient to make Water, by putting up into the Yard a Catheter.

The Palsey in the Yard doth also stop the Urine, the Sperme, and doth hinder Copulation: So make use of the same Remedies directed for the Bladder.

Or take the Oyl of Pepper, Euphorbium, and Costinum, of each an equal quantity with Wax, make them up into an Oyntment, and anoint the Yard therewith.

You may anoint the Hips and Loins with the Oyntment directed for the Back, and give the Patient to drink Medicines

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that will provoke Urine: Also the Spirit of Castor, or the Powder thereof in the distilled Water of Lavender, is very effectual.

Or let him make use of the Medicines made as followeth, that have power to erect the Yard.

Take Diasatyrion one Ounce, Powder of Castor one Dram; being mixed together, take the quantity of a large Nutmeg at a time: And Bath the Yard with Wine wherein hath been boiled Sage and Elder, with a small quantity of Pellitory of *Spain*.

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CHAP. VIII.

Of the Convulsion or Cramp.

THe Cramp is a Disease in which the Sinews are drawn or pluckt up against the Patients will.

Of which there are three sorts.

The first is called in *Latine Distentio*; and that is when the Neck doth remain altogether without motion, and not to be turned to either side; but must be held upright.

The second is called *Tensio ad Anteriora*, in which Disease the Head and Neck are drawn down to the Breast.

The third is called *Tensio ad Posteriora*; in which Distemper the Head is attracted or drawn backward down to the Shoulders and Back.

The Causes of this Disease according to *Hypocrates*, are supposed to be two; that is to say fullness and emptiness of the Sinews in the body, and sometimes it hapneth through the biting and stinging of venemous Creatures, and the over much use of Venery,

more especially when it is used upon a full Stomack, is the cause of this Disease, and many times it is caused throngh Embecillity or weakness, and by the loss and want of Blood.

If the Convulsion or Cramp be caused of fullness, give to the Patient Diet that is hot and dry.

But if it be caused of emptiness, his diet ought to be moist; therefore let him be nourished with fat Broths, and Flesh of easy and light digestion. Let his Drink be small and thin Wine, *&c.* except he chance to be in a Feaver, then let him make use of Barley Water, and the decoction of Cinamon; and let him also be provoked to sleep with *Diacodium*, or with the Syrup of *Poppies*, *&c.* He ought to use no exercise, neither *Medicines* that empty the body, and let his drink be such that is frequently given in *Hectick Feavers*.

The following Glister will also prove of excellent use.

Take Betony, Marjoram, Sage, Mercury, wild Betony, and the lesser Centaury, of each a handfull, Caraway and Coriander Seeds, of each half an Ounce; being bruised and cut small, boil them in a sufficient quantity of Water to the consumption of half, strain it, and

and take one Pint thereof; *to which add Hiera simple one Ounce and a half, Diaphœnicon one Ounce, Oyl of Rue two or three Ounces, Sal Prunella one Dram*; mix them well together, and make thereof a Glister, which administer warm to the Patient.

After which if the body be Plethory or full, let blood, and that in a large quantity out of the middle Vein, but take it forth by degrees, and not all at once.

After which give to the Patient the Drink made as followeth, five Ounces at a time first and last.

Take Betony, Marjoram, Sage, Hyssop, of each one handfull, Carduus, Germander, the lesser Centaury, of each half a handfull, Annis and Caraway Seeds, of each half an Ounce; cut and bruise them small, and with three Pints of Mede or Metheglin mixed therewith, boil them for an Hour and a half, then strain it, and add thereto *Syrup of Stœcados and Betony, of each three Ounces*; and take it as afore directed warm.

After which make use of the following Pills.

Take the Troches of Agarick, Sagapenum, Pills of Fœtida, of each one Scruple, Troches of Alhandal five Grains, with Honey of Roses; make

them up into five Pills, which let the Patient take after his first sleep.

You may anoint the parts affected especially the Nape of the Neck and Back with the Oyntment and Oyl directed in the Chapter of the Palsey.

Or bath the parts with the following Bath.

Take Ground-Pine, Sage, Betony, Camomil, Origan, the Roots of Marsh Mallows, Elicampane, of each two Ounces, Seeds of Fanugreek, three Ounces, Sulphur one Pound, Alum half a Pound; being cut and bruised, boil them in a sufficient quantity of Water, and make a Bath thereof, with which bath the Patient in the Morning before dinner, and rub it well in over all his body if need require; or else in the particular Member that is affected.

After which anoint the Nape of his Neck and Back, and all parts affected, with the Oyntment made as followeth.

Take Oyl of Earth-worms, white Lillies, of each half an Ounce, Oyl of Costinum, Turpentine, of each three Drams; with a sufficient quantity of white Wax make it up into an Oyntment.

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Or take Oyl of Roses, Violets, of each three Drams, Oyl of Foxes, Camomil, of each two Drams, with a sufficient quantity of white Wax make them into an Oyntment; to which add the Mucilages of the Roots of Marsh Mallows, Linseed, Fænugreek, of each half an Ounce.

And anoint the parts therewith as afore directed, and after you have anointed them, cover them with a hot Sheep Skin, Lamb or Cat, and when it is cold make it hot again with Oyl of Lavender, and Dill, *&c.*

You may give to the Patient Cordial Julips, wherein is mixed Spirit of Castor, and Spirit of Lavender, and such like.

And purge the Head with the following Gargarisme.

Take Roots of Pellitory of *Spain*, and the Seeds of Rocket, of each half an Ounce; being bruised, boil them in one Pint of Wine to the consumption of half, and add thereto Oxymel of Squills, two Ounces, Hiera Picra half an Ounce, wherewith let the Patient Gargle his Mouth every Morning fasting.

And make use of the sneesing powder made as followeth.

Take Marjoram, Euphorbium, Pellitory of Spain, *of each two Scruples, and dry them*; being beaten to a fine Powder, snuff a small quantity thereof up into the Nostrils.

Or, *Take White Hellebor, sweet Marjoram, and Ginger, of each a like*; being made into fine Powder, snuff it up as afore directed.

Or make use of the sneesing Powder, directed in the Chapter of the Falling Sickness, *Page* 23.

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CHAP. IX.

Of the Catarrh.

A Catarrh is an unnatural defluxion of an excrementitious Humour from the Head to the inferiour parts, as to the Nostrils, Mouth and Throat, *&c.* and doth cause Appilation; it is called *Coryza*; and when it doth descend to the parts of the Throat, it is called *Branchus*; and when it falleth to the Breast, or to the Lungs, then it is called the Catarrh.

The cause of this Disease is often, either through outward coldness or heat, also of Vapours arising from too much or evil nourishment; sometimes by the Odor or Scent of hot and cold things, also by the over much use of Venery, especially in those who are animated thereunto through the use of provoking Medicines, other violent Exercises, and too much sleep, also doth cause this Distemper.

The Symptoms or Signs are heaviness in the Head, dulness of the Senses long sleep, and much

much ſnorting, a ſnotty running Noſe, more then ordinary ſpitting, the body often or altogether Coſtive, and much troubled with Wind.

If this Diſeaſe come of a very cold Humour, the Patient will be ſenſible of much cold, the Face pale, the Spittle ſweet, ſour Belchings, ſlimy and watry Matter, and a general Flegmatick conſtitution of body.

If the Humour diſtilling is hot, it will appear by the redneſs of the Face, thirſt, ſalt, and very ſharp inflamations, pains and Ulcers in the Mouth, and moſt commnoly a cholerick conſtitution of the whole body.

There are two ſorts of Catarrhs, the one hot the other cold.

The hot Catarrh is cured by Medicines which diſcharge the Matter found offending, which doth thicken and take away, as alſo by Correcting the diſtemper of the parts, ſending and receiving the ſame.

So forthwith let Blood, (eſpecially where the Body is full, if age and ſtrength will permit) and take it by degrees forth of the Liver or middle Vein in the right Arm; or as occaſion ſerves open the Vein under the Tongue.

After which give to the Patient the following Potion.

Take

Take Rubarb four Scruples, Myrabolans rubbed with Oyl of sweet Almonds one Scruple and a half, Yellow Sanders ten Grains, infuse them in a sufficient quantity of Purslain and Letuce Water; after which strain it, and add thereto *Syrup of Roses Solutive and Manna, of each eight Drams*; make it up into a Potion, and give it in the Morning all at once.

Or make use first of the following *Glister*.

Take the Flowers of Violets and Camomil, Dill, Mallows, Mercury, wild Betony, of each one handfull; Cut and Bruise them small, and boil them in a sufficient quantity of Water to the consumption of half, then strain it, and to one Pint of the strained Liquor, *add Hiera simple one Oance and a half, Oyl of Camomil three Ounces, common Salt one Dram.* Mix them well together, and put it up into the Fundament Glister ways.

You may give to the Patient to drink a decoction made of Tamarinds and cold Herbs, to which you may add some purging Medicines, as *Senna, Rhubarb*, &c.

Or make use of the following Julip.

Take the four great cold Seeds, white Poppy Seeds, of each two Drams, Plantain, Purslane and Letuce, of each one handfull, Red Poppies, Violets and Water Lillies, of each half a handfull;

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boil them in a ſufficient quantity of running Water, to one Pint, ſtrain it, and add thereto *Syrup of dryed Red Roſes and Violets of each one Ounce and a half*; being mixed together, divide it into three parts, and drink one part thereof firſt and laſt ſo long as need require.

Or inſtead thereof uſe the diſtilled Water of the forementioned Herbs, or the Emulſions of the four cold Seeds, which are all of a ſpecifick virtue to thicken the Humour.

And alſo make uſe of the Oyntment made as followeth.

Take Oyl *of Roſes and Water* Lillies, *of each one* Ounce, *Roſe Water half an* Ounce, *Vinegar of Roſes two Drams.* Mix them well together in a Silver Diſh over ſome Coles, and anoint the Head therewith, and with Lint apply it warm to the Temples.

An excellent Foot Bath for the Catarrh.

Take three Quarts of Lye *made of wood Aſhes, red Wine one Quart, add thereto Camomil and Bay Salt, of each one handfull.* Let them boil together for a ſmall time, and bath the Feet therewith firſt and laſt.

Or, *Take Betony, Dill, and Camomil Flowers, the* Leaves *and Flowers of Poppies, and Willow Leaves, of each a good quantity*; and make a Bath therewith, and bath the Feet therein

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as afore directed; after which apply to the Soles of the Feet warm, the green Buds or Leaves of the Oak bruised and beat well together, with a small quantity of Salt and Vinegar.

The more to restrain the flux and thicken the Humour.

Take Syrup of Poppies, dryed Red Roses and Syrup of Violets, of each two Ounces; of which take an Ounce thereof every night going to Bed.

Or, *Take the Species called Diatragacanth frigid. one Dram, Conserve of old Red Roses three Drams, fine Bole washed in Rose Water, and the Powder of Mastick of each one Scruple and a half, with the Syrup of dryed Red Roses*; make them into an Electuary according to Art; whereof take as much as a small Nut every night last.

Another to stop the Catarrh or defluxion of Rheume.

Take the finest Bole *washed in Rose Water, and prepared, two Drams, the best white Starch one Dram, Gum Arabick, and Gum Tragacanth, White Poppy Seed, of each half a Dram; being all made into fine Powder, add thereto Conserve of Red Roses two* Ounces, *and with a sufficient quantity of* Syrup of Poppies, *make them up into an Electuary*; whereof let the Patient take often

often the quantity of half a Wallnut.

The Cure of the cold Catarrh consists in the preparing and evacuating of the offending Humors, and by the clear taking away that which flows to the Breast.

In the first place if the Liver be hot, breath a Vein; for oftentimes it is observed, that Men troubled with a Catarrh have a hot Liver, but a cold Brain; but if the Liver is not hot, and the Patient in Years, and no great fear of Humours to be sent to the Brain from other parts, you may well forbear bleeding.

And make use of the following Glister.

Take Origan, *Marjoram, Betes, Mallows, Mercury, of each half a handfull, Dill, Camomil, and Melilot Flowers, of each one Pugil, Rosemary Flowers two Pugils, Caraway Seeds half an Ounce*; Cut and bruise them small, and boil them in a sufficient quantity of Water to the consumption of half, strain it, and to one Pint therof; *add of Benedicta Laxativa, half an Ounce, Hiera simple one Ounce, common Salt one Dram*; mix them, and make thereof a Glister, and put it up warm.

After which make use of the following Potion.

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Take the Roots of Fennel, Liquorice, Sparagus, of each half an Ounce, Balm, Betony, Hyssop, Rosemary, Dill, of each half a handfull, Flowers of Stœcados, and the lesser Centaury, of each two Pugils, Ginger half a Dram, Cinamon one Dram, Caraway Seed two Drams; cut and bruise them, and boil them in four Pints of Hydromel in some convenient Vessel, for the space of two hours, then strain it, and add thereto Syrup of Betony, Hyssop & Stœcados, of each two Ounces; being mixed well together; take five Ounces warm every day three hours before supper

The Pills made as followeth are also good in this Distemper.

Take Pills of Agarick and Cochiæ, of each half a Dram, with Honey of Roses make them up into five Pills; whereof take two at night and three in the Morning.

Or, *Take* Diacatholicon *and* Diaphœnicon, *of each half an Ounce, the distilled Water of Betony and Hyssop, of each two Ounces*; being mixed together, make a Potion thereof, and take it in the Morning six hours before Dinner.

Or, *Take my Cathartique and Diuretique Pills, one at night and two in the Morning*, more or less according to the age and strength of the Patient; for they beyond all Medicines carry

carry off ſharp, ſalt, and watry Humours: ſo helps the Catarrh, and all other defluxions of Rhume, either hot or cold.

The day following, after you have purged according to directions, it will be neceſſary that you make uſe of the following ſweating Potion.

Take Conſerve of Roſemary and Venice Treacle, of each two Drams, *the diſtilled Water of Juniper* Berries *two ounces*; Mix them, and make a Potion, which take in the Morning faſting, and ſweat as ſtrength will permit.

When the defluxion falls upon the Jaws, Lungs and Stomack, make uſe of the Medicines that cauſeth ſneeſing, which are made as followeth.

Take the Juice of Red Betes, the Juice of Marjoram, of each half an Ounce, *Virgins Honey one* Dram; Mix them together, & make it warm, and ſnuff it up into the Noſtrils two or three times every Morning a ſmall quantity at a time.

Or, *Take the Powder of black Hellebor and Sugar in equal parts*; being made in fine Powder, ſnuff it up into the Noſtrils.

But if the defluxion falls upon the Eyes and Noſe in particular, then make uſe of the following Gargariſm.

Take

Take Sage, Hyssop, Roses, of each half a handfull, Cubebes two Drams, Roots of Pellitory of Spain, *Rocket seed, of each half an Ounce, Passularum one Ounce*; Cut and Bruise them, and boil them in Vinegar and Water of each one pound to the consumption of half, then strain it, and add thereto *Honey of Roses two Ounces*; Make it into a Gargarisme, and Gargle the Mouth therewith every Morning fasting.

And to dry up the superfluous moisture that falls from the Brain upon the Lungs.

Take Diambra, Diamoschi Dulcis, of each half a Dram, Conserve of Rosemary one Scruple, the best Cinamon, Mace, Cubebes, of each two Scruples, white Sugar dissolved in the distilled Water of Juniper four Ounces; being all mixed well together, add thereto Chymical Oyl of Aniseed ten drops, the Chymical Oyl of Cinamon two drops, and take a small quantity thereof first and last.

Laudanum is also of most excellent use, given from two Grains to five going to bed, likewise you may give an Ounce, *or an Ounce and a half of Syrup of Poppies in the manner aforesaid.*

Blistering

Blistering Plaisters rightly applyed, and Issues made behind the Ears, are very profitable to help distillations from the Head.

there are many other Distempers that spring from the Brain, which here I must omit.

CHAP.

CHAP. X.

Of the Eyes.

THE affects of the Eyes are many, as inflamations, or hot impostumes, *&c. Caused* of a Distillation from the Brain, or of corruption of Blood mixed with Choller, and oftentimes by stripes or blows, and such like.

The Cure of some Distempers in the Eyes may be performed as followeth.

For inflamations in the Eyes, in the first place it will be necessary, if strength and age will permit, to open a Vein, taking forth a sufficient quantity of Blood.

After which let the Patient make use of the following Potion.

Take the bark of Mirobolans, two Drams, the choisest Rhubarb one Dram, white Ginger one Scruple; being bruised, infuse them one night in six Ounces of Goats Milk, then strain it, and add thereto half an Ounce of the *Lenitive Electuary*, and make it into a Potion,

which take in the Morning six hours before Dinner.

Or, *Take Pills of Cochiæ and Aureæ, of each one Scruple and a half, with three or four drops of the Water of Fennel*; make them up into seven Pills; whereof take three at night going to bed, and four in the morning; but first annoint the Eyes with a drop or two of the Oyl of *Fennel*.

Or, *Take the Pills called Pilulæ Alaphanginæ, and the Extract of Rudij, of each one Scruple, with two or three drops of the Chymical Oyl of Fennel*; make them up into five Pills, whereof take two at night and three in the morning, repeating either of them as need shall require.

For the inflamation of the Eyes.

Take Oyl of Roses three Drams, Tutia and Camphir, of each one Dram, with a sufficient quantity of white Wax make them up into an Oyntment; and going to bed, annoint the little Corner of the Eye therewith, and let as much go in as a Lin-seed, and close your Eyes till it be dissolved.

Or, *Take the White of one new laid Egge, and as much Rose Water, of Camphir one Grain*; being mixed well together, spread it upon fine Hemp Towe, and apply it to the Eyes, and

and when it is dry, make it moist again with the foresaid Medicine.

This draweth forth the inflamation, and mitigateth the pain.

Or, *Take Rose Water and Womans Milk, of each two Ounces, Camphir four Grains*; mix them together, and drop thereof into the Corners of the Eyes first and last, or make Lint or Wool moist therein, and apply it to the Eyes going to bed.

Or, Take of the great Flies, that in the Spring time creep forth of hard Walls, and distill them; of which Water drop into the Corners of the Eyes, and it will take away the inflamation and redness.

Or, Take the distilled Water of Beech-tree Flowers, and make Rags moist therein, and apply them to the Eyes.

Or; Take the Water distilled from the Flowers of Hogs Fennel, Garden Fennel, Celendine, and Elder Flowers, of each a like quantity, and make Jews-ears moist therein, and apply them to the Eyes.

Or make use of the water of Hogs Fennel alone in the foresaid manner; for it is of excellent use.

Or, *Take white Vitriol half an Ounce, white Sugarcandy one Ounce, Camphir two Drams*;

being beat to Powder, add thereto of the *distilled Water of Eye-bright and Fennel, of each one Pint*; and in a new Earthen pot, being covered close, let it boil gently to the consumption of the fourth part, when cold put it into a Glass, and keep it close stopped for use.

And dip a Linnen Rag therein, and apply it to the Eye-lids, being first shut; for it is of wonderfull vertue in such cases.

How to Cure the Cataract, or Pearls in the Eyes.

Take a Copper Bason, which is not Tinned, and spread in the bottom thereof a sufficient quantity of Salt, then a quantity of Strawberries, then Salt, so do till the Bason be full; after which cover the Bason very close, and put it under ground one foot or more deep, for the space of a Month, then take it forth and distill it, of which precious Water drop into the Eyes Morning and Evening.

Or take the Roots of Burr-docks, Cichory and Celandine, of each a like quantity, bruise them, and sew them up into a piece of Cloth

or

or Silk, and hang them about the Neck, and when they are dry, take fresh, and when you are well burn the Roots.

Some have found good by wearing the Roots of water Pepper, seven or eight in number, hanged about the Neck, which Roots must be gathered upon St. *Bartholomews* day before the Sun rise.

Or, *Take Hemlock one small handfull, Bay Salt two Ounces*; being beat well together, and apply it to the contrary Hand-rist for the space of 24 hours; which will take away the Pin and Web at four five times dressing.

Take Borax, and burn it till it be very white and dry, then beat it to fine Powder, and with a Quill blow a small quantity thereof into the Eyes.

Or, *Take white Vitriol two Drams, one Clove of white Ginger, Camphir one Scruple, dissolved in one Spoonfull of Aqua Vitæ*; put them all together in six Ounces of Rose Water in a Glass well stopped up, and so let it stand for three Weeks, then drop it into the Eyes as afore directed, and you will find it to be a very good remedy to take off the Cataract.

Or, *Take the Stone called Lapis Judaicus, white Vitriol, of each a like*; beat it to fine Powder, and put it into the hollow part of an Egg roasted hard, first being cut through the middle, and the Yelk only taken forth; after which joyn the Egg together again, and so let it continue certain days in a Glass, or some Earthen Vessel well glazed, then strain it, and add thereto a sufficient quantity of the distilled Water of Penyroyal, and stop it up very close in a Glass, and cover it with Past, and set it into an Oven with Brown Bread, and when it is cold take it forth, and keep it for use, and with Lint or fine Linnen Rags apply it to the Eye-lids, (being close shut) repeating the same till the filme or spots depart.

Or, *Take Red Ants Eggs*, and put them into a glazed Vessel, and stop it close, then cover the same with Rye Past, and Bake it with Brown Bread, and when it is cold break the Pot, and take forth the Water very carefully, and keep it for use; of which drop into the Eyes as cause requires; for it doth not only help the Cataract, but most infirmities of the Eyes.

For

For Blows in the Eyes.

Take the Roots of Cichory, and bruise them very well, and mix therewith the White of an Egge, and apply it to the Eye.

Or take Celandine and Agrimony, of each a like quantity; bruise them well together, and apply the same to the Eyes, repeating it as often as need require.

This is good for most Diseases in the Eyes, and abateth the pains caused by inflamations.

For swelling of the Eyes.

Take a fine Linnen Rag, made moist in Wine, and apply it to the Eyes, and upon that another made moist in Sorrel or Rose Water.

For the Pin and Web.

Take one Dram of the fine Powder of Liquorice, Ginger half a Dram; being mixed well together, blow a small quantity thereof into the Eyes, and it helpeth.

Another excellent Remedy for the Cataract, Pin, and Web.

Take good store of Crickets, which commonly are in Bake-houses, *&c.* bruise them well, and strain forth the Juice, and drop one drop into the Eye thrice a day; and though

the Patient be as it were blind, he shall be restored.

Ear Wax put into the Eyes is also of excellent use, so is the Oyl that may be taken forth of the great Bone in a Gooses Wing.

The Gall of a Cock, mixed with the like quantity of Honey, and the Eyes annointed therewith, clears the sight. The Gall of an Hare, and the Gauls of Eles are also very good.

Or, *Take the Juice of Alehoof, (which is the right ground Ivy) the Juice of Celandine, and Field Daisies, of each a small quantity*; and after you have clarified it, mix therewith a little fine Sugarcandy, and drop it into the Eyes first and last; for it is not only a good Remedy for all pains, redness, and waterness of the Eyes; but for the Pin and Web, and all manner of Filmes growing over the sight.

The Juice of Alehoof alone, mixed with two or three Corns of Bay Salt, and a little Honey will effect the same.

Much more might be said touching the Diseases of the Eyes, and the several Cures thereof; which I shall leave to the skillfull Oculist.

Only for all Rhumes, hot, sharp, salt and Watry Humours, which desflux or fall upon the Eye,s; though caused through the worst of Distempers, as the *French Pox*, &c. *make use of my Cathartique and Diuretique Pills, according to Directions.*

Or if possible, of a better Medicine, which did I but know, I would inform you of.

CHAP.

CHAP. XI.

Of the Ears.

THE Ears are incident to many infirmities, as violent pains, ſound and noiſe, deafneſs, thick and ſlow hearing, inflamations, *&c.*

The pain in the Ears is often cauſed through cold taken in Journeys, cold Baths, alſo it happeneth to many through hot diſtempers, and ſometimes through inflamations, and many times ſharp Humours coming of the *French Pox*, *&c.* do abſolutely cauſe pains and pricking in the *Ears*.

The ſound and noiſe in the Ears is for the moſt part ingendred of a windy Vapour, or of tough and groſs Humours, and many times through the weakneſs of the Members, as it often happens upon the recovery of a Diſeaſe, ſome Humours affecting the Sinews thereof; it may alſo be cauſed of outward things, as of cold, heat, or by a Fall, or Blow on the Head.

Deafneſs,

Deafneſs, thick and ſlow hearing, the Original of which is often from the very Birth, and many times afterwards, which happen either through cholerick Humours, aſcending to the Ears, or through groſs and raw Humours, ſtopping the Inſtruments of hearing.

Inflamations often break forth in the Kernals, which are by the *Ears*, and is cauſed of abundance of hot Blood, being mixed either with *Choler*, *Flegm*, and *Melancholy*, and ſometimes it is cauſed of Humours compact in the Head, and the reſt of the Body through Diſeaſes, eſpecially *Feavers*.

How to Cure the Pains of the Ears cauſed through Cold.

Take Pills *of Cochiæ, Rudij, and Alaphangenæ, of each one Scruple, the Chymical Oyl of Roſemary, ſix drops*; mix them together, and make it up into ten Pills, whereof take two at night and three in the Morning till they are all taken.

After which apply to the Ears the following fomentation,

Take

Take Mallows, Marsh Mallows, the leſſer Centaury, wild Marjoram, Sage, Mints, Wormwood, Camomil and Penyroyal, of each one handfull, Melilot, Stæchas, Camomil, and Roſemary-flowers, of each half a handfull, Cloves and Cinamon bruiſed, of each five Drams; boil them in a ſufficient quantity of *wine* and *water* in equal parts to the conſumption of half, and often bath the Ears therewith hot with a Spunge, and apply thereto ſome of the Herbs at a time hot, repeating the ſame as need requires, and take not cold.

For it doth not only help pains in the Ears, but deafneſs.

Or take a hot Loaf, made with one part of Caraway Seeds, and cut it through the middle, and apply it ſo to the Ears.

Or, *Take Oyl of Rue, Nard, Dill, Spike, Euphorbium and Lillies, of each alike, with which annoint the Ears, or black Wooll made moiſt therein, and ſtop the Ears up with it.*

Or boil Rue, Roſemary or Garlick in Water, and let the Fume thereof go up into the Ears through a Funnel.

Or take the Oyl of Rue and bitter Almonds; being mixed together, put it hot into the Ears, and ſtop them up with black Wool, made moiſt with the ſame.

How

How to Cure Pains in the Ears caused through Heat.

Take Violets, Mercury, Mallows, of each one handfull, the Flowers of the lesser Centaury, Camomil and Melilot, of each half a handfull, being cut and bruised, boil them in a sufficient quantity of Water to the consumption of half, then strain it, and add to one Pint thereof, Hiera simple one Ounce, Oyl of Camomil and Violets, of each one Ounce and a half, of the Lenitive Electuary half an Ounce, Sal Prunella one Dram, being mixed well together, put it up Glister ways,

And the next day open the Cephalick Vein, especially if there be inflamation.

And take Oyl of Roses and Womans Milk, of each three or four Drams, the White of an Egg, being well mixed together, drop it into the Ears warm.

Or take the Oyl of Roses wherein have been boiled the Flowers of Willows, half an Ounce, Vinegar of Roses two Drams; being mixed together, make black Wooll moist therein, and apply it hot to the Ears.

And

And Purge with the Medicine made as followeth. *Take the Lenitive Electuary one Ounce, the Electuary of Roses two Drams, the distilled water of Cichory six Ounces*; mix them together, and make a Potion thereof, which take in the Morning, and fast after it six hours.

And the more to ease the Pain.

Take the best Opium one Scruple, Castor two Scruples, being dissolved in three Ounces of Womans Milk, and warmed, drop it into the Ears; for it is a very excellent and safe *Medicine.*

How to help the sound and noise in the Ears, and deafness.

Take Bay-berries one Ounce, bruise them, and boil them in one quart of white Wine, and let the fume thereof go up into the Ears hot through a Funnel in the Morning, and at night going to bed.

Or take Ants Eggs, and boil them well in sweet Oyl; being strained; add thereto a small quantity of Neats-foot Oyl, and drop it into the Ears.

Or take Salt Peter two Drams, Pellitory of Spain *one Dram, Saffron one Scruple*; being beat to fine Powder, mix therewith a little Vinegar

Vinegar, and make them up into small Cakes, then dry them, and keep them for use, and when need require mix a small quantity thereof with Vinegar, and drop it into the Ears; for it cleanseth and purifieth them to admiration, so helps hearing.

Another excellent remedy for noise in the Ears.

Take VVomans Milk, Oyl of Roses, of each three Drams; in which dissolve two Grains of the best Opium, and drop thereof into the Ears.

Or take the Juice of sweet Marjoram two Drams, Oyl of Cloves one Scruple, in which mix two Grains of Musk, and drop it into the Ears warm.

Or take Rosemary, and boil it very well in Spring VVater, and let the Fume thereof go up into the Ears through a Funnel, and Syringe the Ears therewith, after which put into the Ear a small piece of the middle of a roasted Onion, and stop them up with black Wooll, repeating the same as need shall require.

You may also Syringe the Ears with stale Urine, or with the Urine of a young Whelp that can hardly go.

Or take a small quantity of the fat from the Kidney of Mutton; and tye it up in a very

very thin Rag, and infuse it three days and three nights in your own Water, and put into the Ears, changing the same as need require,

The Juice of Alehoof or ground Ivy dropped into the Ears, takes away the noise and deafness, *so doth a Goats Gaul.*

The Chymical Oyls of Rosemary, Lavender, Nutmegs, Castor and Amber, *&c.* are also of wonderfull virtue to help deafness, being dropped into the Ears, first mixed with a Womans Milk.

CHAP.

CHAP. XII.

Of the Nose.

IN the Nose are several distempers, as filthy rotten stinking Ulcers, caused through corrupt sharp and salt humors, *&c.*

Bleeding at the Nose proving destructive to many, is oftentimes *outwardly* caused by Falls, Blows, or by violent *Exercise*, or heat of the Sun, *&c.*

The Polypus is a fleshy matter growing in the Nostrils, caused through gross humors falling to the same, and oftentimes it happeneth through a melancholly humour, *&c.*

The Nose is also affected with putrid or rotten Ulcers. Caused by the *French Pox*, or Venerial sports.

For the cure of deep and rotten Ulcers in the Nose, called *Ozene*, take the juice of *Calamint*, and with a feather put it up into the nostrils, or blow the powder of the same therein with a quil, or anoint the nostrils with honey, which will bring them to a scurf or scab, that will fall of in four or five days, and when they are fallen of *take the oyntment*

of Roſes and anoint the Ulcers therewith, and the more to Cleanſe the ſame, diſſolve *Egyptiacum* in Barly water, and ſyring the noſtrils, or ſnuff it up therein.

Or anoint them with the juice of Pomegranats boyled firſt in a Braſen Veſſel to the conſumption of half.

Or take a whole Pomegranate, and boyl the ſame in wine, and ſnuff it up into the noſtrils.

Or take Sugar of Lead diſſolved in Plantain water, and ſyring the noſtrills which will both dry and heal.

Or make tents of dried *Gentian*, and put them up into the noſtrils, for they will dilate or open themſelves. *Then take ſalt of Gemme two drams*, *Maſtick and Frankinſence of each one dram*. Being made into powder, add thereto the juice of *Celandine* one ounce, oyle *Olive* half a pint, and let them be boyled to an ointment, after which anoint the tents therewith, putting them up as afore directed.

And ſometimes with a feather touch the Ulcers with ſtrong Vinegar, wherein is mixed the powder of *Album Græcum*; if after all this there remain pains in the noſtrills, *Take oyle of Mirtles, Roſes, of each an ounce, Litharg:*

Litharg of Gold and burnt Lead of each two scruples, fine Bole, Venus white Lead, the powder of Pomgranate peels, of each one scruple, white Wax as much as is sufficient to make them up into an oyntment which annoint the part affected therewith.

In the cure of these Ulcers, and such like, in the beginning the head ought to be strengthened, and dried, because they often happen through corrupt humors flowing from the head to the nostrils, so in the first place shave the Head, and apply thereto the Plaster called *Emplastrum Stephaniaion, &c.*

Or anoint the head with oyle of Roses, wherein is mixed a small quantity of Roch Allum in fine powder.

Or take *unripe Galls,* and *Willow leaves* bruised and mixed with Vinegar, and apply to the head, by which means the foresaid Remedies shall have the better effect.

For the bleeding at the Nose, if strength and fulness permit, open the vein in the Arm and take it forth at several times, and not all at once, it is also good to put the Patients feet in hot water, rubbing them up and down, *&c.* and strong binding of the hand wrists, and above the knees, *&c.* is also of excellent use: let large Cupping-glasses be fasten-

ed to the sides; if the Blood flow from the right nostril, fasten the Cupping-glass upon the Liver, and if from the left nostril upon the Spleen, if from both nostrils apply Cupping-glasses to both places, you may also apply them to the Shoulders with Scarification.

Apply to the Forehead juice of Lettuce, Sorral, Plantain, Sheppards purse, and knot Grass, with a spunge, &c.

Or apply the Herbs bruised to the foresaid place, or the distilled waters of the same with linnen Cloaths made moist therein, or apply to the privy parts linnen Cloaths made moist with Vinegar or cold water, blow into the Patients Nostrils a small quantity of the Powder of a Toad prepared, or mix a little of the same with Paste, and apply it to the Pallate with your fingers.

If that take no effect, give to the Patient four Grains of the Powder thereof in two or three spoonfuls of Plantain water, or in the distilled water of Hogs Dung, for it hath been found effectual where no other Medicine would prevail.

Or take the juice of the leaves of Nettles, a quarter of a pint at a time sweetened with Sugar; for it is also a certain remedy against bleeding at the Nose, *&c.*

Or

Or make Tents with Lint, and dip them in the juice of Nettles, and put them up into the Nostrils.

Or you may burn the blood that cometh forth of the Patients Nose, and blow thereof up into the Nostrils, for it is also of excellent use.

Or take Egge-shells wherein Chicken have been hatched, being made into fine Powder, blow it up into the Nostrils.

Or take the Powder of the best Aloes, and roll it up with Wool. Or the hair cut off the belly of a Dog, make Tents therewith, and put them up as afore directed.

How to cure the Polypus, which is a fleshy matter growing in the Nose.

After you have applied the forementioned remedies, *&c.* to the head, and purged sufficiently,

Take the juice of the Cyprus Tree, and dip Tents therein, and often put them up into the Nostrils.

The juice of Aron-*roots*, commonly called *Cuckow pint. roots*, used as afore directed, will effect the same.

The juice of Garden Dragons, are also very good for the purpose aforesaid, *&c.*

Or take three ripe Pomegranates, the one sower, the other sweet, and the other between both, bruise them in a Wooden or Marble Mortar, strain it, and boil the juice to an Ointment, and dip a rag or lint therein, and put it up into the Nostrils, for it dryeth and consumes the matter without pain or sharpness.

Or take the flowers and peels of Pomegranates, Shumach, of each one pound, Grapes that are not ripe one pound and a half, infuse them in a sufficient quantity of Vinegar, 24 hours after which distil it, then add thereto *Roch-Allum half a pound, White Vitriol one ounce and a half,* and distil them altogether the second time, and touch the part often therewith: but if you perceive that it is not strong enough, *add to the fore-mentioned water a small quantity of Orpiment and Sandarach.*

Or take red Precipitate one scruple, Honey of Roses half an ounce, being mixed well together, apply to the part affected with a Tent.

Or take the white Ointment of Roses one ounce, red Precipitate one dram, mix them well together, and apply it as afore directed, for they are both of wonderful virtue to consume proud flesh.

You may also take Plantain water one ounce, Spirit of Vitriol two drams, and mix them together, and touch the Polypus often therewith.

Or in the same manner use the water that the Goldsmiths separate Gold withal, called the second water.

How to cure the putrid or rotten Ulcers in the Nose, caused by the French Pox.

Take Plantain water two ounces, Syrup of Mulberries and Honey of Roses of each half an ounce, Sugar of Lead two drams, and siringe the Nostrils often therewith.

And often anoint the *Nostrils* with a feather made moist in the Ointments afore directed, mixed with *red Precipitate*, with which I have cured many.

Or siringe the Nostrils with the distilled water of Cucummers, and strong Vinegar, in equal parts, sweetned with syrup of Mulberries, and the syrup made with the Bramble-berries; after which apply Tents dipped in the following Ointment.

Take Album Græcum *three drams, Vinegar of Squills and Honey of Roses of each half an ounce*, Mercurius Dulcis *one dram, mix them very well together, and apply it as afore directed, changing the same as need require.*

Or take ſpringe water, and boil therein a ſufficient quantity of the inward bark of an Elm-tree, ſtrain it, and make it ſomewhat ſharp with ſpirit of Vitriol, and often ſtringe the Noſtrils therewith.

Or waſh the Ulcers three or four times a day with the water made as followeth.

Take Mercury ſublinate (commonly called White Mercury) half a dram, Roch-Allum one dram, both in fine Powder, Red-Roſe-water four ounces, Plantain water twelve ounces, boil them altogether in ſome new-glaſed Veſſel, to the conſumption of the third part; after which ſtrain it, and keep it for the foreſaid uſe.

Or take Plantain water and Red-Roſe-water of each one pint, Roch-Allum and Mercury ſublimate of each two drams, Camphir one dram and a half; powder what is to be powdered, and boil them altogether in a glaſed Veſſel to the conſumption of the third part as afore directed, which keep cloſe ſtopped for uſe, for they both dry exceedingly, you may ſometimes anoint the part with the forementioned Ointment, or with the Ointment of Roſes alone to keep the Ulcer ſupple, *&c.*

CHAP.

CHAP. XIII.

Of the Tooth-Ach.

THe Tooth-Ach is caused several ways, either from a flux of humours cold and flegmy, or hot and watry, sharp and salt, *&c.* And those humours deflux to the Membranes of the Jaws, and to the holes wherein the Teeth are, and to the Nerve placed in the root of the Jaw, *&c.* and sometimes the pain in the Teeth is caused through inflammation of the Gums, *&c.* but when a swelling riseth upon the Gums or Jaws, the pain of the Teeth cease. Much more might be said as touching the pains of the Teeth, *&c.* which here I must omit.

If the pain comes of hot humours, open a Vein on the same-side in the Arm: but if the pain come through cold, bleeding will not be profitable.

And the day following let the Patient purge *with my Pills*, *&c.* and if need require, apply blistering Plaisters to the neck, or behind the ears, which do much draw back the humours.

Or

Or take of the beſt Aqua Vitæ *and Sallet-Oyl of each one good ſpoonful, Pepper beat to fine Powder from two ſcruples to a dram,* being mixed well together, drop two or three drops into the contrary ear, and ſtop it up with black wool dipt therein, and lie upon the other ſide. This is moſt proper if the pain come of cold.

Or take of the beſt Opium and Bees Wax of each a like quantity, and work it well together before the fire with your fingers, wherewith mix a ſmall quantity of Lint and put it up into the hollow Tooth: for if the pain come of heat, it will give preſent eaſe, and cureth in a ſhort time. If the pain come through cold, take Sugar and Pepper beat in fine Powder, being melted together in a Braſs, Copper, or Silver Ladle, and made up in round Balls while hot, held between the Teeth, gives preſent eaſe.

To hinder the defluxion, apply to the Temples the Plaiſters made as followeth.

Take Gum Elemi and Maſtick of each alike, melt them together, being ſpread upon Silk, apply them to the Temples.

The Plaiſter called Emplaſtrum ad Herniam *applied as afore directed.*

Or the Plaiſter of Maſtick is likewiſe effectual.

An

An excellent remedy for all manner of pains in the Teeth.

Take Pellitory of Spain two ounces and a half, cut and bruise it small, after which put it into a Glass-Vessel, and add thereto one pint of the best Sallet-Oyl hot, shake them well together, and stop the Vessel close, and let it stand in the Sun, or some other warm place for 14 days, stirring or shaking the same once a day: after which strain it, *and add thereto white Vitriol half an ounce*, *Amber five drams*, both in very fine Powder, and put it up in the Glass again: being close stopped, let it stand for one week, shaking it every day as afore directed; and so keep it for use, and upon occasion with a feather drop one drop thereof upon the aking Tooth or Gums, keeping the same for a small time in the mouth, and it will help.

Or dissolve in a quarter of a pint of Spring-water one dram of the Powder of Roman Vitriol, and hold thereof in the mouth.

Or take the distilled water of Rosemary, and keep the same hot in the mouth, and it will give ease.

Or take red Sealing-Wax two drams, Roche Allum burnt one dram, mix them well together, and apply it to the Teeth, or put

put thereof into the hollow Tooth.

Or take the Powder of double refined Sugar, and Powder of White Pepper of each alike, being melted in a Brazen or Copper Ladle, make it up into small Balls, and hold them between your Teeth, and it giveth present ease in all cold causes.

CHAP.

CHAP. XIV.

Of the Blackness and Rottenness of the Teeth, and Exulceration of the Gums, &c.

BLackness and Rottenness in the Teeth, is often contracted by the evil humours sticking to them, which in process of time doth corrode and cause them to be rotten, *&c.*

The cause is through defluxion of vitious humours, *&c.* or of filthy vapours that ascend, that are ingendered of evil nourishment from the distemper of the stomach, *&c.* which corrupt the good nourishment, sometimes falls or blows causeth the Teeth to be corrupt, and often times by taking too much Mercury inwardly or outwardly applied to cure the Pox, *&c.* And there are many women that frequently make use of Mercurial waters to beautifie their faces, or to make themselves more fair, by which means their Teeth are made black, and corrupt, *&c.*

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To make them white again, *Take Spirit of Vitriol, and dip there in brown Paper, and roll the Paper up into little Balls, and rub the Teeth therewith. Oyl of Sulphur used in the like manner will* also cause the Teeth to be exceeding white.

Or you may take Spring-water, and drop therein a sufficient quantity of Spirit of Vitriol, or Oyl of Sulphur, and so gargle the Mouth and Teeth therewith.

Some take Aqua-fortis *and dip Paper therein, and rub the Teeth therewith*; but you must have a care that you touch not the Gums.

Or take white Corral and Pearl of each two drams, beat them into fine Powder, and rub your Teeth therewith, and they will become very white.

Or take the ashes of Vine-branches, and rub your Teeth therewith.

Or take the hard Crusts of Rye or Barley bread, burn them, and make it to Powder, and the Teeth rubbed therewith will cause them to be white.

To make rotten Teeth sound, *Take the juice of Water-Cresses and White-Wine in equal parts, mix them together,* and rub the Teeth and Gums therewith, and often gargle the Mouth with the same.

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The ashes of Tobacco is of excellent use to cleanse the Teeth, and to make them white.

Or take Allum, white Corral, the Roots of Snakeweed, of each half an Ounce, beat them to powder, and often rub the teeth.

Or take Pumestone, white Corral, Alablaster, fish Bones, Tarter, Orris-Roots, Pebblestones, of each two Drams, Cinnamon, Cloves, of each one dram and a half, Sal-Armoniack, half a dram, Amber-greese and Musk, of each five grains, being mixed and made into fine powder, rub the Teeth therewith, and wash your mouth with Rose-water and Vinegar, or with Spring-water and Vinegar, which will serve as well.

Or take common Salt, white Marble, Pomestone, white Corral, of each two drams, Mastick, Citron-peels, of each one dram, Musk three grains, being beaten and mixed altogether, rub your Teeth therewith, for it will not only cause the Teeth to be white, but cleanseth the Gums, *&c.*

Another certain remedy for corrupt *Gums.*

Take Hony one spoonful, Nutmeg and Cloves in powder, of each one dram, Juice of Sage two spoonfuls, beat them well together till it be like to an ointment, wherewith anoint

anoint the Gums and Teeth, after which, *take Maſtick and Myrrh of each two drams*, and boyl them in half a pint of *Red-wine* to the conſumption of half, and waſh the Gums and Teeth firſt and laſt therewith.

Or take Allum two drams, powder of Red-Corral, one dram and a half, Pumeſtone, and Fiſh-bones, of each one dram, burnt Harts-horn, Maſtick and Frankinſenſe, Cloves, Myrrh and Nutmegs, of each half a dram, beat them into fine powder, and mix them together, with which rub your Gums and Teeth.

Or take Barly Meal, Salt and Hony, and rub the Teeth, and waſh your mouth after with Vinegar and water.

Notwithſtanding all this, you ought to purge with proper Medicines, and to Bleed if need require, and to ſcarifie the Gums.

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CHAP. XV.

Of the Ulcers of the Mouth and Throat.

THe Ulcers of the Mouth, are caused through sharp and salt Humours, or of Vapours from several parts ascending to the Jaws.

They often happen to those that have hot Livers, or malignant Feavers; and to such that are tormented with Venereal distempers, *&c.*

If Age and strength will permit, this Cure ought to be began with Blood-letting, for it draweth back the humours, and moderateth their sharpness by cooling the Body.

You may also apply Horse-leeches behind the Ears, and under the Chin, and Blistering Plasters to the Neck-pit, and the next day after Bleeding, and as need shall require, purge with my Cathartique and Diuretique Pills, *&c.* (for they beyond any, doth expel sharp, salt humors, and also the evil and poysonous Humours offending the Nose, Mouth, and Throat, too often caused by Mercurial

Medicines) after which make use of the Gargarism made as followeth.

Take the distilled water of Honey-suckles, Plantane and Rose-water, of each two ounces, Syrup of dried Red-Roses, and Syrup of Mulberries, of each one ounce, Sugar of Lead two drams, mix them well together, and often Gargle the Mouth therewith.

Or take Knot-grass, Plantane-leaves, and Bramble-leaves, of each two good handfuls, Pomegranate-flowers, red and yellow Sanders, of each one ounce, boyle these in a sufficient quantity of Running-water to the Consumption of half, then strain it, and add thereto Syrup of Mulberries, and dried Red-Roses to make it sweet, and use it as afore directed, if there be any inflamation, you may add thereto some juice of Purslain, Housleek, and Night-shade, and a small quantity of *Sal Prunellæ*, or raw Allum, but let it not be made too sharp with either.

And if there be no Inflamation, you may touch the Ulcer with a stick with a ragg tied to the end thereof dipt first in the Spirit of Sulphur or Vitriol, and it helps forthwith, if the Ulcer be simple but to Children, mix with these Spirits Honey of Roses, so that it may be but

little

little sharp, and with a little Lint fastened to the end of a Stick, &c. apply it.

Or take the juice of Housleek, and fresh Cream, mix them well together, and anoint your Mouth therewith.

When the Mouth and Almonds are so much Ulcerated, that the Patient cannot swallow.

Take the distilled water of Elder-flowers, Plantane-water, and the water distilled from the Black-Thorn-flowers, of each alike, dissolve therein as much Venus sope as a Walnut, sweeten it with a small quantity of the Syrup of Mulberries, and gargle the Mouth often therewith, if these take not effect, add to either of the Gargarisms a small quantity of Egyptiacum, and gargle therewith.

Another excellent remedy for the Ulcers in the Mouth and Throat, &c.

Take Vine-leaves, or the tops when the Leaves are not to be had, the inward bark of the Elm-tree, of each one handful, Roch-Allum, Ginger grosly beaten, of each half an ounce, Album Græcum one ounce, boyl all these in one quart of water, to the consumption of half, strain it and sweeten it with hony or Syrup of Mulberries, and gargle the Mouth and Throat often therewith; this

is most proper where there is no Inflamation.

Or take Plantane-water eight ounces, Honey of Roses, and Syrup of Mulberries of each two ounces, Sugar of Lead six drams, Roman-Vitriol one dram, mix them together, and use it as afore-directed, for they are of wonderful Virtue to help the Ulcers in the Mouth, Pallet, and Throat, caused by the *French-Pox*, &c. Those and such like Gargarisms, will prove the more effectual if the body be well purged with my *Cathartique* and *Diuretique Pills*, with which I have cured many, that for some years before had been sorely troubled with red and watry Eyes, and full of filthy matter caus'd through the forementioned disease.

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CHAP. XVI.

Of the Quinzy.

THe *Quinzy* is an Inflamation of the Throat and Jaws, of which there are (according to Authors) four sorts:

The first is when the Jaws are inflamed.

The second is when neither the Jaws nor other parts either inward or outward are inflamed, and yet the Patient in danger of choaking.

The third is when the inward and outward parts about the Throat are inflamed.

The fourth is, when the Joynts between the Head and Neck are loosened, and the part appear hollow, and the Patient sensible of pain when but touched.

The *Quinzy* is caused through some flux of Humours which fall from the Head to the Throat, *&c.* or from abundance of Blood preternaturally flowing to the foresaid parts; and sometimes it may be caused from vapours arising from the Stomack to the Throat, *&c.*

The *Quinzy* is known by the Signs following:

The Patient breathes with much difficulty, except the Neck be held upright, and can hardly ſwallow without violent pain.

In ſome there appears redneſs in the face and Neck, and a Fever, *&c.*

This Diſtemper often kills in four and twenty hours.

Therefore without delay open a Vein in the Arm upon the ſame ſide, or open the Vein under the Tongue. Some with good ſucceſs open the Jugular Veins. But take not the Blood forth at once, but at ſeveral times, leſt the Patient faint, *&c.*

Let the Inciſion be ſomewhat large, leſt the thinner part of the Blood come forth, and leave the groſſer part behind, which is many times the abſolute Cauſe of this deadly Diſtemper.

If the Patient be of the *Female Sex*, open the Vein in the Anckles; more eſpecially if her *Monthly Sickneſs* be obſtructed.

When Bleeding cannot with Convenieney be admitted, Give to the Patient the Gliſter made as followeth:

Take Calamint, Rue, Sage, Betony, Origan, Peny-Royal and Hyſop, of each half a handful; the Seeds of Annis, Fennel, and Seſelis, of each three drams; the leſſer Centaury

taury one handful, the Roots of Polipody four ounces, Agarick two drams, Pulp of Colocinthidos one dram and a half; Boyl these in a sufficient quantity of water, to the consumption of half, strain it, and take thereof one pint: To which adde, *Benedicta Laxativa, and Hiera Picra, of each one ounce, Honey of Roses one ounce, Diaphenicon four drams, Oyl of Rue, Bays, and Castor, of each half an ounce, Salt Gemme one dram: Mix them all well together.*

And give it to the Patient Glister-ways.

Or instead thereof let him take the following Potion:

Take of the Lenitive Electuary one ounce, Cream of Tartar ten grains, Rosin of Jallap six grains, the distilled Water of Fumatory or Cichory four Ounces. Being mixed together, give it in the morning to the Patient fasting.

Or take of the best Senna in very fine Powder one ounce, Ginger one dram, Clarified Honey two ounces; let them be well mixed together by simpering over the fire: of which let the Patient take as much as a large Nutmeg at a time, which will keep the Body open, and in such cases be of excellent Use.

And often take of the Drink made as followeth, especially if inclinable to a Feaver.

Take the beſt Pruins two pounds, Wood-Sorrel and Dandelion, of each one handful and a half; being cut and bruiſed, boyl them in a ſufficient quantity of running water, to the conſumption of half: Strain it and keep it for uſe.

And let the Patient gargle his Mouth and Throat with the Gargariſm made as followeth:

Take Oaken Leaves one handful, Flowers of Roſes and Pomegranates, of each one pugil and a half; the Rind of Pomgranates half an ounce, Burnt Allom twenty grains. Being cut and bruiſed, boyl them in a pint of Plantane or running Water, to the conſumption of half, ſtrain it, and adde thereto Syrup of Mulberries two ounces; mix them together, and gargle therewith.

Or take Ground-Ivy or Ale-hoof, the Leaves of Violets, of each half a handful, Dandelion one handful and a half; boyl them in a pint and half of Barley-water, ſtrain it, and diſſolve therein *Honey of Roſes one ounce and a half, Spirit of Vitriol twenty drops*; mix them well together, and make uſe thereof as afore-directed.

Or take Night-ſhade, Plantane, Woodbine-leaves and Bramble-leaves, of each one handful; boyl

boyl them in one quart of water, to the consumption of half, strain it, and adde thereto *Syrup of Mulberries three ounces, Sal Prunella one dram and a half*; mix them, and make a Gargarism thereof.

And to heal the parts excoriated, *Take Honey of Roses, and Syrup of Mulberries, and Album Græcum*, and let it dissolve in your mouth, swallowing the same.

Or take the Bark of Pomgranates two drams, the Flowers of the same one pugil, Liquorish three drams, Jujubes in number twelve, three Figs, Raisins three drams; being cut and bruised, boyl them in a pint and a half of Barly-water; strain it, and dissolve therein Syrup of Maiden-hair and Honey of Roses, of each one ounce, and gargle your Mouth therewith.

Or take Elder-Flowers and the Flowers of Red Roses, of each one handful, Album Græcum one dram; boyl them in a sufficient quantity of thin Beer or Ale, then strain it, and adde thereto *Sugar of Lead and Sal Prunella, of each one scruple*, sweeten it with the Syrup of Mulberries, and gargle your Mouth *&c.* therewith, for it heals to admiration.

You may apply to the fore-part of the Throat outwardly the Plaister made as followeth:

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Take the Powder of Album Græcum and Wheat Flower, of each alike, Oyl of Camomil half an ounce, with a ſufficient quantity of the beſt Honey make them up into a Plaiſter.

Or take the Roots of Marſh-Mallows, White Lillies, of each one ounce, the Powder of a Swallows Neſt and Album Græcum, of each half an ounce, eight or ten Figs; boyl them in Beer or Ale, ſtrain it, and adde thereto the *Flower of Linſeed, Wheat Flower, of each one ounce, the Flower of Fennugreek, and the Flower of the Seeds of Marſh-Mallows, of each two ounces, the Yolks of two New-laid Eggs, Saffron two drams, Oyl of Camomil two ounces,* mix them, and make Plaiſtrrs thereof, and apply them hot, as afore directed.

Or take Oyl of White Lillies, and Oyl of Orris, of each one Ounce and a half, the Juice of Onions two ounces, being boyled two or three walms, adde thereto *two drams of the Powder of a Swallows Neſt;* and with a ſufficient quantity of Wax and Pitch, make a Plaiſter thereof according to Arr, and apply it to the fore-part of the Neck.

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And sometimes you may anoint the Neck with Oyl of Lillies, Camomil, and Dill, *&c.* And let the Patient drink no *Brandy*, neither any other stronger Liquors, for they inflame the part, and oftentimes prove mortal.

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CHAP. XVII.

Of the Kings Evil.

THe Kings Evil is a Diſtemper that poſſeſſes the Throat *&c.* with preternatural Tumours.

The Cauſe of this Diſeaſe is Flegm, oftentimes mixed with Melancholy; alſo the eating of groſs and raw Diet, drinking filthy waters, *&c.* may be the Cauſe thereof.

Of thoſe Tumours, in ſome there are but few, in others many. Such as have but few, moveable, ſlight, ſhallow and thin, may be reſolved, or be taken out by inciſion, or be broke without danger, by Cauſticks, *&c.* but ſuch as are hard, malignant, and fixed, or being near the Weaſand or Wind-pipe, large and joyned with the Veins, are perilous. This Diſeaſe commonly poſſeſſeth the Elbows, Hands, and Feet, and many other parts of the Body beſides the Throat.

For the Cure of this Diſeaſe:

In the firſt place let the matter offending be evacuated, and a Diet of light Digeſtion directed for the Patient. If

If the Body abound with fulneſs, it may be neceſſary to open a Vein, and purge very well with the Medicines made as followeth:

Take of the Pills called *Arthriticæ*, and *Extractum Rudii*, of each one dram, Roſin of Jallap and *Mercurius Dulcis* ſix times ſublimed, of each one ſcruple, with a ſufficient quantity of the Juyce of Fumatory, make them up into twenty Pills, whereof take two at Night and three in the Morning, (more or leſs according to the Age and ſtrength of the Patient) repeating the ſame as need requires.

Or take Hermodactils, Turbinth, of each two ounces, the Roots of Sope-wort one ounce and a half; the Roots of Angelica one dram, the beſt Senne one ounce, fine Scamony four ſcruples. Being made all inno fine Powder, and mixed well together, take thereof in the Syrup of Roſes, from one dram to two drams, adding to every doſe four or five grains of *Mercurius Dulcis*. Give this every ſecond or third morning for fifteen or twenty dayes together.

Or take of Hiera with Agarick one dram, Pills of Cothia two drams, Troches Alhandal and Myrrhe of each one ſcruple, the Chymical Oyl of Fennal

Fennal two drops, with a sufficient quantity of the Syrup of Stechados, make them up into twenty Pills, and take them as afore-directed.

Or *take of my Cathartique and Diuretick Pills* twice or thrice a week: for they absolutely help this Disease, because they purge Flegm, *&c.* to admiration.

During the Cure, let the Patient drink of the following Liquor as of Ordinary Drink,

Take Elder-Bark, Smallage, Clivers, Herb Robert, Sope-wort, Fumatory, the Leaves and Roots of Pilewort, of each three good handfuls, Polipody half a pound; being cut and bruised in a thin Cloth, hang them in some convenient Vessel, and pour thereto a sufficient quantity of New Beer or Ale (you cannot well make it too strong of the Herbs) and let it work together; when fit to drink make use thereof as occasion serves, and you will have no cause to find fault with me.

Or take the Roots of *Filipendula* and *Pilewort*, of each two drams, *Tansie, Mouse-Ear, Pimpernel*, of each one dram, *Round Birthwort*, the Roots of *Radishes* and *Sope-wort*, of each half a dram: Cut and bruise them, and boyl them in three Pints of white Wine to the consumption of the third part; strain

strain it, and add thereto of Oxymel simple three Ounces.

Of which let the Patient drink a quarter of a pint at a time, three times a day.

Plaisters and Oyls proper to dissolve the Swellings, hard Knots and Kernels, are as followeth:

Take the Plaister of Frogs with *Mercury*, spread it upon Linnen Cloth, and apply it to the parts affected. But be sure to purge now and then in the use thereof.

Or make use of the Plaister of *Diachylom* with Gum, or the Plaister of *Galbanum*, for they are all very good to dissolve the Tumors. But the first neglect not.

To anoint the Tumours, take the *Oyl of Elder*; for with that alone (with the use of the internal Remedies) I have known many perfectly cured.

Or take the Oyl or Ointment made of Briony-Roots, and use it as afore directed.

If those Sores chance to break, as oftentimes they do, foment the Sores with a Spunge dipt in Lime-water.

Or take the Roots of Briony, Marsh-Mallow-Roots, and the Roots of Figwort and Dwarf-

Dwarf-Elder, of each one ounce, Flowers of Dwarf-Elder, Camomil, Melilot, and Common Elder, of each one handful, Seeds of Annis and Fennugreek, of each half an ounce. Boil them in a sufficient quantity of water, to the consumption of half or more, and apply it hot to the part for the space of half an hour.

After which, anoint it with the Ointment made as followeth:

Take the Fat of a Man, or the Fat of a Bear, Goose and Cock's Fat, of each half an Ounce; the Ointment of Marsh-Mallows two ounces, Oyl of Lillies and Aqua-Vitæ, of each one ounce. Mix them well, and make an Ointment thereof.

Or when it breaks, wash the Sores with Crab-Verjuice and Butter, and sometimes touch the Ulcers with Oyl of Vitriol or Sulphur.

And to heal the Sores after the Body is well purged,

Take Letharge of Gold what quantity you please, make it into very fine Powder, and with a sufficient quantity of *Sallet Oyl* and *strong Vinegar,* being beaten well togeher, apply it to the Sores Plaister-ways, repeating the same as need require.

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CHAP. XVIII.

Of the Asthma, *or Difficulty of Breathing.*

DIfficulty of Breathing is commonly caused of a Flegmatick Humour which falls from the Head to the Lungs, and stops the Winde-pipe, *&c.* And often times by watery Humors conveighed into the Lungs, (as in hydropical persons) causeth an *Asthma*, or difficulty of Breathing.

As touching the Cure of this Disease, (Especially in Hydropical and Scorbutical Constitutions)

In the first place make use of my *Cathartique and Diuretique Pills*, for they do not only make thin and cleanse, but perfectly expel all tough and gross humours which (for the most part) ingender this Disease.

Or take of the choisest Agarick two drams, Ginger one scruple, Salt Gem three grains; being grosly beaten, infuse them all night in two ounces of sweet White-Wine, and the distilled Water of Fennel and Wormwood, of each one ounce,

ſtrain it, and adde thereto Oxymel of Squills half an ounce, and the Electuary called Indi Majoris *two drams*; make it into a Potion, and drink it off all at once in the morning faſting.

Pills of Cochia and Agarick, and Pills of Hiera Picra made up with Honey, are alſo very profitable in ſuch caſes. Sometimes ſtrong Gliſters will be of excellent uſe.

And notwithſtanding making uſe of the aforeſaid Medicines, (eſpecially upon the intermitting days) take of the following *Julip*, for to my knowledge it is of excellent uſe.

Take the Diſtilled Water of Scabios, ſmall Cinamon-Water, of each three ounces, Syrup of Liquoriſh, Syrup of Hoarhound, Oxymel of Squills, and Lohoch Sanum, of each one ounce, Spirit or Oyl of Vitriol twenty drops; mix them well together, and make a Julip thereof, which take one or two Spoonfuls firſt and laſt, two hours before Dinner, and two hours after.

Or take *Blew Currans* one pound, the Tops of *Nettles* two handfuls, boil them in two quarts of Water to the conſumption of half, ſtrain it, and let the Patient drink often thereof.

Or *take off the Syrup of Colts-foot, Liquorish, Hoarhound, of each one ounce, Oxymel simple half an ounce*; mix them, and let the Patient take thereof often.

Or *take the Roots of Elicampane, Juniper-berries, and Bay-berries husked, of each half an ounce, Sugar-candy one ounce*, being made into fine Powder with a sufficient quantity of Honey or *Syrup of Hyssop*, make them up into an Electuary, of which take as much as a Nutmeg first and last, *&c.*

Or *take White Sugar-Candy one ounce, Oyl of sweet Almonds three ounces*, mix them, and give it as afore-directed.

Or *take Flower of Sulphur half an ounce, Cinamon in fine Powder one dram*, with a sufficient quantity of Hogs Fat, make them up into Pills as big as gray Peaſe, and take thereof three at a time, first and last.

A Sea-Onion roasted, and beaten well with a sufficient quantity of Honey, and given to the Patient so much as a Nutmeg at a time, is of excellent use.

Or *take the tops of Rosemary, Hyssop, of each one handful, Figs, Liquorish, of each two ounces.* Being cut and bruised, boil them in one quart of Spring Water to the consumption of half, then strain it, and add thereto of the best Ho-

ney eight ounces; let it just boil up again, scum it, and keep it for use, of which take two or three spoonfuls first and last, and at any other time.

This Method is not onely proper in the *Asthma*, or difficulty in Breathing, but for the Cough.

Bleeding is very necessary in this Distemper, therefore open a Vein in the Fit (especially) if the Blood seem to abound. But if the Disease be of long continuance, bleed not without good Advice, lest the Natural Heat should thereby be diminished, and Flegm increased, *&c.*

The Ointment made as followeth will also be very profitable.

Take Duck's and Hen's Fat, of each one dram, Oyl of Rue and Dill, of each two drams, Oyl of Orrus half an ounce; mix them together, and anoint the Breast therewith, first rubbing the same with a hot course Linnen Cloth.

Or *take Oyl of Orris, Camomil and sweet Almonds, of each one ounce, Hens Fat, one dram, the Powder of Orris and Marsh-Mallow-Roots of each one dram and a half, the Meal of Fennugreek and Linseed, of each two drams, Gum Ammoniacum dissolved in Wine, one dram*;

dram; with a sufficient quantity of Wax, make it into an Ointment, and anoint the Brest therewith as afore-directed: for it doth not onely molifie but discuss the matter offending.

CHAP. XIX.

Of the Pleuresie.

THe Pleuresie is an inward Inflammation or a Postumation of the upper Skin girding the Ribs, *&c.*

This Disease is often times caused through abundance of hot Blood, flowing preternaturally to the fore-mentioned upper Skin.

The principal Signs are, Difficulty of Breathing, a very troublesome Cough, a continual Feaver, and a violent Pricking pain, a sharp and hard Pulse.

As touching the Cure,

In short, if the Body do abound with filthy Humours, or be full of Blood, forthwith open the Liver-Vein on the same side, for with so doing, Blood is not onely drawn, but the part grieved quickly purged.

After Blood-letting (especially the Body being Costive) make use of the following Glister; or if the Disease be not violent, make use of the Glister before Bleeding.

Take the Leaves of Spinage, Mallows, Mercury, both sorts of Endives, and the Leaves of purple Violets, of each one handful, Barley not bruised one ounce; boil them in a sufficient quantity of Water to the consumption of the third part, strain it, and to one pint thereof add of *Cassia newly drawn one ounce and a half, fresh Butter half an ounce, Oyl of Violets and Camomil, of each two drams, Common Salt one dram*; being well mixed together make a Glister, and put it up according to Art.

Or *take of the Lenitive Electuary six drams, Syrup of Violets and Roses, of each half an ounce, Cream of Tartar two scruples, the Distilled Water of Cichory or Fumatory four ounces*; being mixed together, take it in the morning all at once.

And if the Patient have still a Feaver,

Take fresh Pruuns one pound, Blew Currans half a pound, Wood-Sorrel one good handful; boil them in three quarts of Spring Water to the consumption of the third part, and strain it, and let the Patient drink often thereof.

Take

Take one Pippin the Core being taken out, and fill the hole with the Gum called Olibanum; after which roast it till it become soft, then take off the skin from the Apple, and mix them well together, and take it all at once, for to admiration it removes the pain, I having made trial thereof one hundred times.

The Powder of *Olibanum* taken from one scruple to one dram, in the Pap of a roasted Apple at night, doth the same, and with less trouble.

Some to ease the violent pain in this Disease, give *Laudanum* and Syrup of *Poppies*, *&c.* but they must be taken in small quantities, lest they stop spitting, and bind the brests, from which sometimes death follows, so attempt them not without good advice.

Take Horse-dung, and infuse the same in the distilled water of *Carduus* for a small time, then strain it, and give thereof to the Patient, for it also powerfully disperses and abates the pain.

Or take the powder of Hens-dung (which is white) one dram, *Carduus* water four ounces, Syrup of Violets half an ounce, and give it to the Patient warm, for it hath the aforementioned virtue.

Or take Hempseed bruised one ounce, white Hens-dung and Stone-Horse-dung, of each half an ounce, infuse them for twelve hours in six ounces of *Carduus*-water, strain it and drink it off warm all at once.

Or take from one scruple to a dram of prepared Goats Blood in the aforesaid water, for it doth effect the same.

Or you may take the Spirit of Soot, from five drops to ten, in *Carduus*-water, and the bright flakes of Soot made of wood fire, beaten into fine powder, and given from two scruples to one dram, is of excellent use, and very safe.

You may apply outwardly the following *Fomentation*, &c.

Take the Flowers of Dill, Melilot, and Camomil, of each two or three handfuls, Bran, the Powder of Fennugreek, Linseed and Melons, of each an ounce and a half, boil them in a sufficient quantity of water, and bath the part grieved therewith; or put some of the Decoction with the Herbs into Bladders, or dip therein a large spunge, and apply it to the part affected hot.

Or make use of the Plaister made as followeth:

Take the Flowers of Tapsus Barbatus, Camomil and Dill, of each half a handful, Fen-

reek,

nugreek, Anniseed, and Linseed, of each a quarter of an ounce, Barly-flower two ounces; being all bruised, boil them in a sufficient quantity of water, till they become somewhat thick; after which add thereto the Oyl of *Camomil and Dill*, of each one ounce, boil them again, and then add the Yolks of two new-laid Eggs, and *Saffron* beat into Powder one scruple and a half, and make a Plaister thereof, which apply warm to the part affected.

Some use Cupping-glasses with Scarification, which I shall leave to the discretion of the Ingenious Physitian.

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CHAP. XX.

Of the Ptiſick or Conſumption.

THough the *Ptiſick* ſignifies a Conſumption, yet it may be moſt properly taken for that Leanneſs of Body which follows an Ulcer in the Lungs.

This Diſeaſe is commonly cauſed through ſharp fretting and gnawing Humours, which falls from the Head upon the Lungs.

It is alſo cauſed through Blood and matter, which continue after the breaking out of the ſame in ſuch that have the Pleureſie, and ſometimes the Dropſie and French Diſeaſe, *&c.* are the very principal Cauſes of the Conſumption.

The chief Signs of this Diſtemper are known by flowing of flegm from the Head upon the Lungs, which cauſeth a Tickling and ſmall Cough, the Spittle ſomewhat hot and bitter, the whole Body waſteth, and the fleſh becomes exceeding looſe, the Hair falls off, the Noſtrils very thin and ſharp, the Temples fallen down, the Eyes hollow, the

the Balls of the Cheeks swarthy or Leaden coloured, the Shoulder-Bones stick out, the Patient often vexed with a Hectick or burning Fever, and breathes with much difficulty, the Nails become pale and crooked, the Stomach and Belly often tormented with violent pain, and much troubled with thirst, and if the Lungs are ulcerated, what the Patient spits will be of a strong foetid or stinking Smell.

And the Cure often proves very difficult.

However in the first place, let the Patient (if possible) be removed into some wholesome place where the Air is clear and temperate, neither too hot nor too cold.

And if you perceive the Lungs to be ulcerated, purge once a week with the following Medicines, especially where the Body is not become very lean.

Take Cassia newly drawn one ounce, the fine Powder of Liquorish two scruples, and make a *Bolus* thereof, which give to the Patient in the morning.

Or take of the choicest *Manna* from one ounce to two ounces, and dissolve it in Chicken-Broth, *&c.* and drink it off as afore-directed.

Or take *Liquorish*, *Raisins* of the *Sun* stoned,

Flowers of *Bugloss* and *Violets*, of each three drams, *Barly* one ounce and a half, *Jujubes* four in number; being cut and bruised, boil them in a sufficient quantity of *Water* to three or four ounces, to which add two ounces of the distilled water of *Scabios*, wherein have been first infused *Yellow Sanders* and the best *Rubarb*, of each four scruples, *Manna* one ounce, Syrup of *Roses* three drams, (add the two latter last) being mixed together, make a potion thereof, which take in the morning.

But in the beginning of this Disease you may give stronger Purges, nothing more proper than my *Cathartique and Diuretique Pills*, for they above all purging Medicines carry off the salt and sharp Catarrh which is the principal Cause of such Ulcers.

After which make use of the following Medicine, with which I have done wonders in such cases.

Take White-Rose-water, one ounce, white Sugar-Candy six drams, the Yolk of one new-laid Egge, new Milk warm from the Cow, or made so, a quarter of a pint; being beaten well together, let the Patient drink it all at once, repeating the same morning and evening for some time together.

You may believe me, this very Medicine

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is worth an hundred times the price of the Book, which I freely communicate.

To young Children you may make use of a wholesom Womans Milk; and being mixed as aforesaid will serve three or four times; but the best way is still to make it up fresh, so take but the third or fourth part of each.

Goats Milk is also of wonderful use, more especially if taken as afore-directed. And be assured that Milk is one of the best Medicines against the Ptisick or Consumption.

Another Excellent Remedy against the Consumption.

Take all the Blood that will be had forth of a Pig or Swine in his full strength, and stir it as it is drawn forth that it may not congeal; to which add the Powder of *Cloves*, *Cinamon*, *Mace* and *Ginger*, of each one ounce, *Saffron*, and the Flowers of *Rosemary*, of each two drams; and forthwith distil it in a Glass with a very gentle fire: The Dose is from three Spoonfuls to six or eight, in so much Tent or Sack, three times a day.

Or take the Powder called *Pulvis Haley* one ounce, Conserve of Red Roses two ounces, Conserve of Cowslips one ounce, with

a sufficient quantity of Syrup of Violets, make them up into an Electuary, and make it somewhat sharp by mixing therewith some few drops of Oyl of Vitriol or Sulphur.

And take thereof first and last as much as a Walnut, for it is of wonderful profit to such that are Hectick.

Or take Flower of Brimston, and the powder of the best Frankincense, of each one scruple, Saffron three grains, put them into an Apple, the Core being cut forth, and roast it, after which let the Patient eat it with White Sugar-Candy for ten or twelve dayes together.

New strong Ale wherein is boiled Burdock-Roots, Liquorish and Honey, is of Excellent Use, as I have often proved; and the Poor may with much ease attain to this Drink.

The Herb *Burnet* made into fine Powder, and White Sugar-Candy, of each one dram, taken often in Broth, is also very good.

Or *take White-Wine* three pints, *Sugar-Candy* four ounces, the *Roots* of *Elicampane* one ounce, *Green Coltsfoot* two ounces, *Violet Flowers* one ounce and a half, the *Roots* of *Angelica* ten drams; being cut and bruised very small, boil them in a Stone Bottle close stopped,

ed, (the Cork tied down with a piece of strong Linnen Cloth) for three hours in a pot of water, and open it not till it be cold; after which strain it, and take three or four spoonfuls first and last, and at any time of the day. With this very Medicine after I had gently purged a Painter, I perfectly cured him in few days, though he was by all his friends left for a dead man, he was so much consumed, and did stink that none could endure to come near him.

I know an eminent Physitian and several other persons that have for these many years been preserved by the foresaid Medicine, taking it according to my Directions, and by taking the old Conserve of Red Roses when he took not the former.

Sugar of Roses drunk in New Milk, made as followeth, is also of most admirable Use.

Take of the best Red-Rose-Buds, the whites being cut off, and dried suddenly in the Sun, two ounces, Double-Refined-Sugar two pounds, being melted in the Juice of Roses and Rose-Water, of each four ounces. Being by degrees consumed, put in the pow-

der of the Rose-Leaves, and mix them well together, and put it upon a Marble Stone, and make it up into Lozenges according to Art.

Natural Balsom is of excellent use for such that have Ulcers in the Lungs, if you make White-Sugar-Candy up into Pills as big as Gray Pease therewith, and take one fasting every Morning, for some Time together.

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CHAP. XXI.

Of the Pain in the Stomach.

PAin in the Stomach is commonly caused through corrupt and poysonous fretting Humours contained therein; and oftentimes by Worms gnawing the Tunicles thereof. Sometimes through sharp and salt flegm, and through putrid matter sent into the Stomach, from some imposthume broke either in the Breast or Liver. Sharp Vapours from close corrupt Humours sometimes cause pain, sometimes wind contained in the hollow part of the Stomach, doth not onely cause pain therein, but swelling, *&c.*

If the pain of the Stomach be caused through flatulent or windy matter, make use of the Glister made as followeth.

Take Calamint, Pennyroyal, Rue, Origan, the lesser Centaury, of each one handful, Comin-seeds, Annis, Fennel and Carrot-seeds, of each two drams; being cut and bruised, boil them in a sufficient quantity of water, to the

consumption of half, then strain it, and adde to one Pint thereof *Benedicta Laxativa* one ounce, *Diacatholicon* half an ounce, *Oyl of Rue and Dill*, of each one ounce, *the Chymical Oyl of Juniper and Bay-berries*, of each seven drops; being well mixed together, make a Glister thereof, and put it up according to Art.

Or take Hyppocrass and Sack, of each half a pint, Oyl of Rue and Aqua-vitæ, of each one ounce, Oyl of Cinamon and Juniper, of each six drops; being mixed well together, put it up Glister-ways.

Or take of the best White-Wine twelve ounces, Oyl of Amber, Cloves, Juniper and Cinamon, of each five drops; mix them together, and put it up warm, for it giveth present ease.

After which, *Take of the Pills of Hiera with Agarick two drams, Oyl of Nutmegs and Juniper-berries, of each five drops* : mix them together, and make thereof fifteen Pills, of which let the Patient take two at night, and three in the morning, until they are all taken.

But if the pain cometh from sharp and Cholerick Humours, or Flegm, Imposthumes or Ulcerations, there is no better Medicine than

than my *Cathartique and Diuretique Pills.*

The more to ease the pain,

Take Diaphœnicon three or four drams, Phylonium Romanum two scruples, the distilled Water of Camomil four ounces, Syrup of Mints half an ounce; being mixed together give it to the Patient going to Bed, for this very Medicine hath done much good.

Or take Diasatyrion one ounce, Sal Prunella half an ounce, Oyl of Cinamon three drops, mix them well together, and take as much as a Nutmeg every morning in Wormwood-wine or Beer, repeating the same, as need require.

If the Stomach be cold, or full of viscous and tough flegm, drink sometimes (notwithstanding taking the *Pills*) the Liquor made as followeth:

Take Pellitory of Spain two drams, Gallingal one dram, bruise them grosly, and boil it in a pint and a half of the best White-Wine, to the consumption of the third part, after which strain it, and drink a quarter of a pint at a time, for four mornings together, fasting after it each time two hours; and with so doing you will have cause to give me thanks.

Or take Cinamon half an ounce, Cardamom-seeds, Cloves and Gallangal, Saffron, White-

Pepper, Bay-berries, of each one dram, Double-Refined-Sugar three ounces, beat all these into fine Powder, mix therewith a small quantity of the best Sack, stirring it well together, and eat thereof with a little Bread first and last, *&c.*

Or take Carduus, Centaury and Balm, Wormwood and Agrimony, of each a like quantity, boil them in new Milk, after which turn it with White-wine or Ale; then strain it, and drink a good dranght thereof hot, as afore-directed; for it taketh away the pain of the Stomach to admiration.

Or take Nutmegs, Cloves, Cinamon, Ginger, of each two drams, Gallingal one dram, Mace three drams, Sugar one pound, being all beat to very fine powder, take thereof a small quantity at any time, for it is very profitable.

Or to take away the pain of the Stomach, make use of the Medicines following.

Take Oyl of Nutmegs, Cloves, and Oyl of Mace, of each a like; being mixed together, anoint the pit of the Stomach therewith.

Or you may take red Mints, being cut small, mix them with Rye Paste, and warm it in a Frying-Pan, and apply it to the Stomach, and when it is cold make it hot again, and do as afore-directed.

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Or take white Frankincense, being spread upon Sheeps Leather apply it hot to the Stomach, and let it there remain four or five days.

Or apply to the Stomach the following Plaister:

Take Bread four ounces, and boyl it in a sufficient quantity of Milk, with half a handful of Spermint cut small; and towards the latter end of the boyling, add thereto the *yolks* of two or three *Eggs*, *Saffron* in powder one dram, and apply thereof hot to the pit of the Stomach. These and such-like I have often known to take away the violent pain in the Stomach. And after the pain is gone, take now and then a dose of the foresaid *Pills*, lest it return again.

CHAP. XXII.

Of the Weakneſs of the Liver.

THe weakneſs of the Liver is cauſed by Diſtempers which are either hot, cold, moiſt, or dry.

The hot Diſtemper doth not only burn up the humours which were before in the Liver, but the Humours conveighed thereunto by the Meſentery-Veins.

The cold Diſtemper doth cauſe the crude and flegmatick humor that already is contained in the Liver, to be groſs and very tough, and exceeding hard to be removed; and the Humours conveighed to the Liver are left many times but half digeſted.

The dry Diſtemper doth cauſe the Humours to be the more dry and thick.

And the moiſt Diſtemper of the Liver doth cauſe the Humours to become more thin and watry, *&c.*

The Signs of this Diſeaſe are many, which I ſhall here omit. And ſo come to ſhew the way

way to cure the hot Distemper of the Liver, *&c.*

In the first place let the Patient make use of such Diet as will by degrees cool, as *Wood-Sorrel*, *Endive*, *Lettuce*, *Sow-thistles*, and *Succory*; being boiled in equal parts of white-wine and water, strain it, and sweeten it with the Syrup of Violets, whereof let the Patient take as often as he pleaseth.

Or take Liverwort, Endive and Succory, of each two or three handfuls, Barly husked one pound; being cut and bruised, boil them in a sufficient quantity of water, to the consumption of the third part; after which strain it, and keep it for the foresaid use.

You may adde thereto some *Syrup of Pomgranates, or Syrup of Vinegar-Simple.*

Let the Patient eat Raisins of the Sun, Oranges, Lemons, and sweet Almonds, and let his meat be of light digestion, as Chickens, Larks, and Veal, *&c.* And abstain from all Meats or Drinks wherein is Honey mixed. And let him make use of the Lozenges made as followeth.

Take Raisins of the Sun one ounce, Powder of Diatrion Santalon, Diarrhodon Abbatis, of each one dram and a half, the Flowers of Endive and Red Roses, of each two scruples, White

Sanders, Flowers of Squinant, of each one ſcruple, White Sugar Double-Refined, five or ſix ounces, and make them up into Lozenges with the diſtilled VVater of Cichory and Endive, for they much ſtrengthen and cool the Liver.

Or make *Pulvis Haly into an Electuary with Syrup of Violets,* and take as much as a Nutmeg firſt and laſt.

Or let the Patient take once a week one ſcruple or half a dram of *Phylonium Romanum* at night going to Bed.

Or take the Diſtilled Water of Strawberry-Leaves three Pints, *Liverwort* one good handful bruiſed; being boiled to the conſumption of the third part, ſtrain it and ſweeten it with the Syrup of Spermint, and take thereof firſt and laſt, and at any time, for it wonderfully cools the hot Diſtemper of the Liver.

Or take the Diſtilled Water of Woodbind-Flowers, Cichory, and Sorrel-Water, of each a like, and ſweeten it with Syrup of Quinces, and drink often thereof.

Or take the Liver of a Calf, and one peck of Sage, being cut ſmall diſtil them in a Glaſs Limbeck, and drink thereof every night laſt going to Bed.

Or take Harts Tongue, and Bramble-leaves,

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of each alike; being boiled in water to the consumption of half, strain it, and drink thereof.

You may also anoint the Region of the Liver with *Oyl of Lillies and Roses mixed together*, or bath with the decoction of *Roses*, *Camomil* and *Quinces*.

Or take Oyl of Quinces, Water-Lillies and Roses, of each alike; or boil *Dates* and a small quantity of Wormwood in the aforesaid Oyls, and make a Spunge or Wool moist therein, and apply it to the part above-mentioned.

In the Cold Distemper of the Liver:

Take the Confection called *Diacinamomi*, *Diasatyrion*, of each one ounce, Syrup of *Mints* half an ounce; being mixed well together, take as much as a Nutmeg first and last.

Or take of the Conserve of Sage two ounces, Powder of Gallingal half an ounce, make them up into an Electuary with Syrup of Wormwood, and take thereof as afore-directed.

Or take the Roots of Smallage, Parsly, Fennel, of each two drams, Asarum, Calamint, Wormwood, Succory, Origan, Agrimony, Hyssop,

sop, Spermint, of each one handful, Seeds of Caraway, Fennel, Annis, Daucus and Comin, of each half an ounce, Cinamon and Squinant, of each three drams, Flowers of Camomil and Roses, of each one handful, Mastick one dram; boil these in three pints of the best White-wine, mixing therewith one quart of Spring-water, to the consumption of the third part. After which strain it, and add thereto *Syrup of Wormwood one ounce and a half, Syrup of Agrimony six ounces.*

Being well mixed together, let the Patient drink four ounces at a time twice a day, first in the morning, and two hours after Dinner.

Or let him take often of the Conserve of Wormwood, mixing therewith each time a drop or two of the Chymical Oyl.

Or drink some drops of the Spirit in Wine first and last, two hours before Dinner, and two hours after.

Outwardly you may use the Oyl of *Wormwood, Nard*, and *Oyl of Camomil* mixed together, making it hot.

Or take Nard Oyl, Oyl of Wormwood and Rue, of each one ounce and a half, Spicknard, Squinant, Cinamon, Cloves, Mastick, Wood

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of Aloes (all made into fine Powder) of each two scruples, with a sufficient quantity of the best Wax, make them up into an Ointment.

And let the Patient make use of such meats as are of light Digestion, which are with all somewhat heating, and let him drink Wine at Meals that is thin, and hot broth wherein is boiled Sage, Savory, Sauthernwood, Hyssop, Fennel, and Parsly, and such like.

In the moist Distemper of the Liver,

Let the Patient make use of drying Medicines, as the Decoction of Sasaphras, Sarsaperilla, *Lignum vita*, and *China*, *&c.* and let him eat flesh well roasted, and let him make use of dry Baths, or hot Houses.

Or take Venice Treacle one dram, Diaphoretick Antimony ten grains, Chymical Oyl of Wormwood five drops, mix them together, & drink it off in a Glass of Sack, and sweat moderately. Thus do once or twice a week.

Or take Dialacca, Diacurcuma, and Syrup of Wormwood, of each one ounce, mix them together, and take as much as a Nutmeg at a time morning and evening, for it is not onely good against the over-moistness of the Liver,

ver, but very good against the Dropsie, because it strengthens the Liver, &c.

In the dry Distemper of the Liver,

The Patient ought to make use of moist Medicines; therefore if the Body be costive, take at night going to Bed one ounce of the *Lenitive Electuary*, or of *Cassia newly drawn*; with either of which mix two or three drops of the Chymical Oyl of VVormwood, for that will strengthen the Liver.

You may take the powder of a VVolfs Liver well prepared, one dram; the distilled VVater of Strawberries four ounces, Syrup of Violets half an ounce; being mixed together drink it all at once in the morning, repeating the same as need require.

The Livers of young Rooks washed in White-wine, and after dried, and made into fine powder, as aforesaid, is very profitable in such cases.

Or take half a dram every morning of *Diamargaritum frigidum*, or *Diatragacanti frigidi*, or *Pulvis Haly*, as afore-directed, for I will assure you it is also very profitable.

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CHAP. XXIII.

Of the Stoppage of the Liver.

THe Stoppage of the Liver is a continual ſtraightneſs of the Branches of the Gate and hollow Vein, *&c.*

The cauſe of which ſtoppage is oftentimes viſcous, groſs and clammy Excrements; ſometimes the over-plenty of Humours cauſeth ſtoppage, more eſpecially when they are tough and clammy, and cannot find a free paſſage.

The Signs are known by Grief and Heavineſs about the right ſide, and ſtretching forth. If this ſtoppage come of groſs and tough humours, then followeth heavineſs with ſenſe of pain; but ſometime eaſe, and then pain again. Sometimes the Patient hath a Fever, and ſometimes no Fever. Oftentimes the breath is ſhort and very difficult, eſpecially when the Patient goeth up a hill, or up a pair of ſtairs, or walketh faſt; becauſe the parts ſtopped do draw the Midriff downwards, and ſo hinders its free motion.

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The Cure of this Distemper ought to be begun with Medicines that will cause plentiful Evacuation of the whole Body by a potion or Pills agreeable to the nature of the Distemper.

Therefore make use of the following Potion.

Take of the Electuary of the Juice of Roses six drams, Syrup of Cichory with Rhubarb three drams, Salt of Tartar ten grains, Salt of Wormwood twelve grains, with a sufficient quantity of the distilled Water of Cichory, make a potion thereof, which take in the morning fasting.

Or take Rosin of Scamony, and Rosin of Jallap, of each ten grains, Extract of Rhubarb fifteen grains, Tartarum Vitriolatum twelve grains, Salt of Wormwood five grains; with a sufficient quantity of the foresaid water, or the distilled VVater of Fumatory, make a Potion thereof, which drink as afore-directed.

Note either of these potions may serve the weaker sort twice, being equally divided.

Or if you please take of my *Cathartique and Diuretique Pills*, for they very powerfully

fully open all manner of Obstructions, and strengthens the Liver besides.

And after the Patient hath taken of either of the Potions, or the Pills afore-directed, if the Body abound with fulness, open the Liver-Vein in the right Arm, and draw forth such a quantity of Blood as may be thought requisite.

After which, make use of the following Broth:

Take Roots of Sparagus, Smallage, and Parsly, of each half an ounce, Agrimony, Maiden-hair and Hyssop, of each one handful, Crystal of Tartar that is rightly prepared one dram; boil them with a Neck of Mutton, or with a Chicken, and make broth therewith every morning, for a week or nine days together.

Every second or third day you may infuse into this broth one dram of Anniseed, which will keep the Body very soluble.

Or make use of the following Pills, for they also are good to remove Obstructions.

Take of the Pills of Hiera with Agarick one ounce, the Troches of Agarick one dram, the Powder of the lesser compound of Senne half

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an ounce, Aloes Rosate two drams, the Powder of Steel one ounce and a half, the fæcula of Briony, Aron and Piony, round Birth-wort, Madder, Borax, Cloves, of each half a dram, Salt of Mugwort one scruple, Spirit of VVormwood fifteen drops, the Powder of Turpentine one dram ; with a sufficient quantity of Syrup of Cichory, with Rhubarb, make them up into a mass for Pills.

The Dose is from two scruples to one dram.

Or take Filings of Steel one ounce, Elicampane and Eringo-Roots, of each half an ounce, *Senne* one ounce and a half, the inward Rind of Tamarisk two drams, *Epithimum* half an ounce, Cinamon and *fæcula* of Briony, of each one dram, the Powder of white, yellow and red Sanders, of each twenty grains, VVhite-wine, and the distilled water of Agrimony, of each half a pint; being infused three days in *Balneo Maria*, strain it, and take thereof three ounces every day, two or three hours before Dinner.

Or make use of the following Syrup.

Take of the Filings of Steel infused in Vinegar two ounces, the middle Rind of Tamarisk half an ounce, Cinamon three drams, Ceterach half a handful, the distilled Water of Agrimony and Wormwood, of each half a pint, White-

Wine

Wine sixteen ounces, infuse them in some warm place for six or seven days; then strain it, and add to the strained Liquor of the best double refined-Sugar one pound and a half, and make a Syrup thereof according to Art, of which let the Patient take two or three spoonfuls every morning fasting.

The following Pills are also of excellent use.

Take Rhubarb, Senne, Aloes, Succatrina, Agarick, Jallap, of each one dram, Steel prepared with Sulphur half an ounce, Diarrhodon Abbatis half a dram, Saffron ten grains, Mercurius Dulcis one dram; with a sufficient quantity of Syrup of Roses solutive, make them up in a mass, and of every dram make six Pills; of which take two at night, and three in the morning for fifteen or twenty days together, if need require.

The more to strengthen the Liver, and take away the obstructions of the same,

Take the Roots of Ground-pine and Orris, the Seeds of Smallage and Annis, of each two drams, Asarum two drams and a half, Camomile Flowers, Ginger, Cinamon, and Carraway Seed, of each one dram, Red-Nettle-seed, Gentian, Hoarhound and Stacados, of each two drams; being all made into fine Powder, make them

up into an Electuary with a sufficient quantity of *Oxymel of Squills*.

This Medicine purgeth by Urine powerfully, and hath done strange Cures.

You may take the quantity of a large Nutmeg at a time, first in the morning and last at night; the stronger sort may take more.

You may apply outwardly the Ointments directed in the Cold Distemper of the Liver, *&c.*

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CHAP. XXIV.

Of the DROPSIE.

THe *Dropsie* is a preternatural Collection of a thinnish Water, *&c.*

There are in general three sorts of Dropsies:

The first is called *Ascites.*

The second *Tympanites.*

The third *Anasarca.*

Ascites is a swelling of the Belly, and sometimes the Legs and Feet, caused by a serous Humour, and being of the Nature of Water it is cold, but as it is salt it hath in it heat, caused by the nearness of the Bowels, and the more by the putrifaction which is gathered by long continuance, from whence comes a fever and thirst, namely from the stinking salt vapours which do infect the Orifice or mouth of the Stomach.

The Dropſie called *Tympanites* hath its Name from a Drum, becauſe the *Abdomen* is extended or ſtretched forth like to a Drum; and being ſtruck with your hand it ſounds like it. This extention is from Wind ſhut up in the hollowneſs of the *Abdomen*, and ſometimes in the hollowneſs of the Guts. The wind which cauſeth a Tympany is ſeldom contained in the Belly alone, but moſt commonly mixed with water; as in *Aſcites* not only water, but wind alſo is contained. Both which Dropſies have their Name of that which predominateth; if more wind than water, it is a Tympany; if more water than wind, an *Aſcites*; but if equal, between both; they cannot always be diſcerned one from the other.

The chief cauſe of wind is a raw Humour and thick, whether Flegm or Melancholy, which being ſtirred and made thin by heat, ſends forth thick vapours, which are called *flatus*, and are hard to be diſſolved. This thick raw Humour is partly in the Stomach and Guts, but more eſpecially between the Membranes of the Midriff and Guts. So the more hard to be removed, than from the hollowneſs of the parts aforeſaid; *Hippocrates* ſaith, *They who have pains and gripings about the*

the Navel and Loins which cannot be removed, have a dry Dropsie, &c.

The Dropsie called *Anasarca* comes of a flegmatick Humour dispersed through the whole Body, and therefore the Body is swelled and putt up, and seems white, from whence the Disease is called *Leucophlegmatia*. This Flegm comes from a cold Liver, which instead of good Blood produceth raw and flegmatick, and when it cannot be turned into the substance of the parts, leaves the raw part thereof unfit for nourishment upon them, and so makes them swell, from whence comes *Anasarca*, or *Leucophlegmatia*: this Disease in the beginning is called *Cachexia*, &c.

Most Dropsies are caused through great coldness of the Liver, or through other parts over-much cooled, which doth bring the Liver oftentimes into the same affect. The Liver is affected by the Spleen being cold, and by the Stomach and Bowels; likewise by the Lungs, the Reins, and Diaphragma, and sometimes by the immoderate flux of the Hemorrhoids, or through the superfluity of Womens monthly Sickness, but commonly through the obstruction or stoppage of the same: and often through some other great

affection of the Womb. And in all these the Liver is found without unnatural swelling, and yet the Body affected with the Dropsie, caused through the over-coldness of the Liver affected in the first place; but afterward it groweth hard, which may be seen in them which by drinking over-much small Beer and cold water have their Liver cooled, so that the Dropsie forthwith followeth, before the Liver is puft up with knotty swelling; some fall into this Distemper through the loss of much Blood, others after long-continued Agues, &c.

☞ But thousands in these days through the excessive drinking of Brandy, which beyond all other Liquors commonly drunk, Burns and dries up the Radical Moisture, hinders the circulation of the Blood, and turns it into a serous matter, &c. from which follows sudden death: for I have not yet hardly seen an old Brandy-Drinker to receive a perfect Cure.

Some fall into the Dropsie after the Gout, or through the violent pain of the Huckle-Bones, commonly such whose Stomachs are dejected, and have no good Digestion, and have an evil habit of Body, and troubled with the Jaundice, forthwith follows the Dropsie.

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Sometimes those who have a *Dysenteria* and the *French Pox*, the *Dropsie* also follows.

The Symptoms or Signs of the Dropsie are in brief as followeth:

In that Dropsie called *Ascites*, the whole Belly is swelled up; and if it be but stricken, there is heard such a kind of sound as a Bottle maketh that is not full of water; but the other parts, especially the upper parts of the Body, are not swelled nor puffed up.

In that Dropsie called *Tympanites*, the Belly is puffed up, and extended forth; and being stricken, it maketh a noise much like to a Tabor or Trimbrel: but the other parts of the Body becomes lean.

In that Dropsie called *Anasarca*, &c. all the whole Body waxeth loose, and as it were like to a Spunge, so that it swelleth up, and is like to a dead Body.

In most Dropsies, the Feet, Ankles, and Legs, especially upon the Shin-Bones, commonly swell first; sometimes the Belly and Privy Members, *&c.* so that if you thrust your fingers thereon, the part will pit, and leave an impression; the colour of the Skin,

especially the Face, is pale and swarthy, the Urine little and thick, and oftentimes very red, the Breath short, the Appetite dejected or altogether lost, a troublesom thirst, by reason of the sharpness and saltness of the humour in which the Stomach swimmeth, (and *if not in time prevented*) then follows a lingering Fever, *&c.* from the corruption of the water, which at length doth corrupt all the Bowels swimming therein.

☞ As touching the most infallible Cure of Men in Dropsies ever yet found out, observe truely the following Method, and take my word for it you will never have cause to repent, neither have need to fool your selves with Medicines that are not in the least profitable.

So in the first place know that one Diet may properly be made use of in all sorts of Dropsies, provided it be of light digestion, and dry; for that meat that is loose and moist, is apt to turn into water: therefore make use of Partridges, Black-birds, Thrushes, Larks and Chickens, especially the extream parts; also of Rabbets, Hares, Goats and Mutton well roasted.

And

And let the Patient abstain from Milk, Buttermilk, Cheese and Whey, *&c.* and from all sorts of Fish except Crabs, and from Eggs if not well roasted; and from all kinds of broths, except such that have *Parsly*, *Smallage*, *Penniroyal*, *Garden-Cresses*, *Elder-Buds*, *Leeks*, *Onions* and *Garlick* boiled therein; and from all manner of Fruits except *sweet Almonds*, *Nuts*, *Pomgranates*, *dry Figs*, *Pippins roasted*, and *Pears baked*, especially *Wardens*, and these to be taken moderately.

Let the Patient forbear drinking of *Brandy*, and all other hot Spirits, sophisticated VVines, small Beer and VVater of all sorts, for that destroys many labouring under the Dropsie, witness the VVells.

Let your Drink be VVhite-VVine and Rhenish Wine, or Wormwood-Ale and White-wine mixed together: Beer not too strong, nor too small, but for the most part make use of the Drink directed hereafter; but be very sparing in all, and indure thirst as much as possible; in order to it, mix Vinegar and steeled VVater together, and wash your mouth there-with, and often chew Mastick therein, and eat of Sea-Biskets or hard Crusts of Bread, for it draws water forth of the Stomach to the Mouth, so quencheth thirst.

And

And when you perceive any of the Signs made mention of in page 147, *&c.*

☞ *Forthwith make use of my Cathartique and Diuretique Pills*; for they are the Only Famous and Safe Medicine (ever yet known in the world, to combat the Dropsie) *whose Composition is without Mercury or any other poysonous Ingredients*, as many other Medicines are (to the great damage of the Patient) too frequently given in this deplorable and pernicious Distemper.

The Patient newly taken with the Dropsie may take of those Pills every second or third day.

But where the Disease is stubborn and of long continuance, begin with two Pills, more or less, according to the Age and Strength of the Patient, and take them every day, if strength will permit, and so continue for a month or six weeks, if need require. And be not perswaded by any means to the contrary; for I never yet knew them fail, where the Distemper was really accounted curable.

You may take them in the Spring and Summer at night going to bed, or after your first Sleep, or take one at night and two in the morning.

But

But in the Winter-season take them always about five or six of the Clock in the morning, lest by rising in the night you take cold. If you have any Inclination to rest, you may lie in your Bed two or three hours after the taking thereof, and they will work the better.

You may swallow them in the Pap of a roasted Apple, or in the Skin of a Raisin or Prune, or in a preserved Cherry, or with Beer or Ale, or any other way.

Such that cannot take them whole as they are, may cut them very small, and make them up into an Electuary, or into a *Bolus*, with a small quantity of *Venice-Treacle*, *Mithridate*, or *Diascordium*, or with any Cordial Syrup, especially if the Stomach be cold.

Such whose Bodies abound with heat, and notwithstanding the Dropsie are Hectick, may take them with a small quantity of the Lenitive Electuary, *Cassia* newly drawn, or with Syrup of Roses or Violets. And if the Stomach be very hot, they will operate the better. You need not drink Posset or Broth, as with other Physick, but if dry what you please, as VVhite-wine, Beer, or Ale, *&c.* warm; but, as afore-directed, be moderate.

Such

☞ Such that take my Pills againſt that Dropſie called *Aſcites*, who through weakneſs of Body, by reaſon of long Sickneſs, cannot make uſe thereof ſo often as need require, the Belly being ſubject to Coſtiveneſs, let them ſometimes make uſe of the following Gliſter.

Take the Flowers of Camomile and wild Laurel, of each two drams, Agarick and Polipody of the Oak, of each one dram and a half, Doder half an ounce; being bruiſed, boil them in a ſufficient quantity of VVater or VVhite-wine to the conſumption of the third part; then ſtrain it, and add to one pint thereof *Honey of Roſes one ounce and a half, the Electuaries of Nidum, and Benedicta Laxitiva, of each three drams, Oyl of Camomile, Rue and Orris, of each one ounce*; being mixed together, make a Gliſter thereof.

☞ In that Dropſie called *Tympanites*, notwithſtanding taking my Pills, the Patient may alſo make uſe of the Gliſter made as followeth: for it is of excellent uſe to diſſolve and diſcuſs wind, *&c.*

Take the Roots of Fennel and Smallage, of each one ounce and a half, Seeds of Cumin, Lovage, Parſly, Annis, Fennal, and Daucus, of each two ounces, Caraway-ſeed half

half an ounce, Deanwort, Rue, Asarum, and Melilot, of each one handful, being cut and bruised, boil them in a sufficient quantity of Water, to the consumption of half, then strain it, and take thereof three quarters of a pint: to which add the Electuary of Bay-berries, Benedicta Laxativa, and Hiera Picra, of each half an ounce, Oyl of Dill and Rue, of each one ounce, Sal Prunella four scruples; mix them well together, and make thereof a Glister, which put up according to Art.

☞ And not only in the Dropsie *Ascites* and *Tympanites*, but in that *Dropsie* called *Anasarca*, the more to provoke Urine, and to expel VVind, with the use of my *Pills* make trial of the following Powder.

Take the Seeds of Cichory, Ash-Keys, Burdock and Red Nettles, Parsly, Fennel, Alexander, of each half an ounce, Pellitory of Spain three drams, Sal Prunella, and Juniper-berries of each one ounce, being beaten into Powder, take one dram in four ounces of VVhite-wine first and last, except the days you take the Pills.

You may apply outwardly the following Plaister, *&c.*

Take the Flowers of Melilot and Camomile, of each two drams, Savoury, Mints, and Asarum,

rum, of each half a dram; *Seeds of Fennel, Rue, Annis, Comin, Daucus, of each one dram and a half, Cardamoms one ſcruple, Mirrh and Caſtor, of each one ſcruple and a half*; being made into fine powder, add thereto Oyl of Dill two ounces, Oyl of Rue three ounces, with as much VVax and Roſin as is ſufficient, make them up into a Plaiſter, according to Art, which apply to the Belly, repeating the ſame, as need require.

Or take the Plaiſter of Bay-berries, and the great Plaiſter of *Diachylon with Gumm*, of each a ſufficient quantity, adding thereto the Chymical Oyl of Bayberries and Juniper, of each one ſcruple, being mixed together ſpread it upon Sheeps Leather, and apply it to the Belly, as afore-directed.

You may anoint the Belly often with the following Ointment.

Take the Flower of Linſeed, Fenugreek, Beans and Barly, of each two ounces, the Ointment called *Unguentum Agrippæ* one ounce and a half, the ſeeds of *Negella*, *Daucus* and Marſh-Mallows, of each one dram, *Euphorbium*, Roch-Allum, Frankincenſe, of each one dram and a half, fine Bole and quick Brimſtone, of each two drams, Orris Roots three drams, Oil of Rue, white Lillies, Orris, Elder,

Elder and Camomile, of each one ounce, Oil of Turpentine ten drams, with a sufficient quantity of Bees VVax make thereof an Ointment, and anoint the Parts swelled therewith before a good Fire.

Or take the Ointment of Sowbread, Marsh-Mallows, the Ointment called Unguentum Martiatum, of each one ounce and a half; Oyl of Roses, Rue, Sage, Elder and White Lillies, of each half an ounce. Mix them together, and anoint the Parts therewith, as afore-directed.

For they are not onely beneficial in the *Tympany*, being the worst of *Dropsies*, but in *Ascites*.

And in that Dropsie called *Anasarca, &c.*

But assure your selves where my Pills are made use of in time, there will be little or no need of outward applications.

☞ For they alone have in them a *Specifique* or *Particular Vertue* totally to root out the Dropsie of all kinds, and to strengthen the Liver, and the rest of the Principal Bowels (through the Coldness and VVeakness of which, most *Dropsies* proceed.)

Yet

Yet notwithstanding (instead of *ordinary Drink*) make use of either of the *Drinks* made as followeth; seeing that oftentimes they conduce much to the Cure.

Take the Bark of Elder, Red Sage, Ground Ivy, or the Herb called Alehoof, Smallage, the Roots of Fennel, Aron, and Pollipody of the Oak, Scurvygrass and Brook-lime, of each half a pound, the best Juniper-Berries one pound, Ginger one ounce, being cut and bruised, tie them up into a thin Cloth, and hang it in an Earthen Stein, and pour thereto a sufficient quantity of New Ale or Beer, (such that are able may add some Rhenish or VVhite-wine) so let it work together; when fit to drink, make use thereof.

Or take Clivers and Elder-Bark, of each three or four good handfuls, Gallingal one ounce, being cut and bruised, boil them in *six* Quarts of small Ale, to the consumption of half, then add thereto three Quarts of the best White-wine, and let it just boil up the second time; strain it, and drink thereof when dry, as of *ordinary Drink*.

Or *take the Bark of the Roots of Elder* two handfuls, *Sassaphrass*, *Sarsaperilla*, of each two ounces, *Winter Cinamon*, and *Winter Cherries*, of each one ounce and a half, *the Seeds of Alexander*

lexander one ounce; being cut and bruised very small, boil them in six quarts of White-wine, to the consumption of the third part; strain it, and sweeten it with Syrup of Marsh-Mallows, and drink thereof a quarter of a pint hot first and last.

Or take White-Wine four quarts, the best Nutmegs and Winter-Cherries, of each twenty in number; being cut and bruised, boil them to the consumption of the fourth part, then strain it, and keep it for use: of which Liquor let the Patient drink a small quantity at a time, when he pleaseth; for it will not only comfort the Spirits, and strengthen the Liver, but with *My Pills* cause much Urine.

Or take Diacurcuma, Dialacca, of each two drams, Troches of Rhubarb one dram; with a sufficient quantity of the *Conserve and Syrup of Wormwood*, make them up into an Electury, and let the Patient take the quantity of a Nutmeg at pleasure, for it strengthens the Liver to admiration.

To eat often of the Conserve of Sea-Wormwood, is also very profitable.

Sweating is of wonderful profit in this Disease: So if it cannot be gained through exercise, as by walking in the Summer time in the Sun, or in a warm room in the Winter-sea-

ſon; make uſe once a week, upon a day you take no Pills, of the Medicine made as followeth.

Take Venice-Treacle one dram and a half, Diaphoretique Antimony ten grains, Salt of Wormwood and Salt of Tartar, of each five grains; being mixed together, take it upon the point of a Knife, or in a Glaſs of hot Sack, and ſweat as ſtrength will permit.

Or take Carduus-Water three ounces, the Spirit of Saffron and Treacle-Water, of each one ounce, Syrup of Balm and Clove-Gilliflowers, of each ſix drams, the Chimical Oyl of Sulphur ten drops; mix them, and make a Potion thereof, which take in the morning, and ſweat as directed.

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CHAP. XXV.

Of the SCURVY.

SCORBUTI, as Authors say, is a barbarous word, and formerly unknown to most of the Ancient Physicians, (especially those of the Southern Parts) and derived from the *Danes*: Which Disease was supposed to be that which *Pliny* maketh mention of in his Natural History.

The Principal Causes of the Scurvy comes from a thick and saltish Constitution of the Air, being corrupt, as the Air near the Sea, fenny, foggy, or moist places, which infect by the unwholesome Vapours coming from the same.

Also the eating of salt Meat, and Bread twice baked, Fish over-much dried in the Smoak, rusty Bacon, and many other sorts of Diet which are of corrupt nourishment: decayed Beer and stinking Water do cause this Disease.

Likewise it comes through the Obstruction of the Spleen; the course of Melancholy being hindred, and mixed with the rest of the Blood, infecteth the whole Body with Corruption and violent wasting: The grosser part falling down, staineth the Legs with spots of divers colours; the thinner part being carried up, doth defile the Gums with sharp, salt, and fretting humours, and filthy growing of flesh between the Teeth.

The Symptoms or Signs of the Scurvy are in chief as followeth:

A pricking and grievous pain in the Head, a stinking Breath or evil savour of the Mouth, Jaws and Teeth, the Gums bleed, and are often red, and itch, and soon corrupt, the Teeth loose, black, and rotten.

Spots in the Face, Body, Thighs and Legs, at first commonly Red, but afterwards Blew, Purple-colour, or Black, sometimes Yellow, &c.

&c. which proceeds from the serous, corrupt and filthy part of the Blood, which being unfit to nourish the Body, is sent forth.

The Patient is often troubled with a suffocation, and as it were choked up; the Heart panteth, the Stomach is puffed up, the Left Side is commonly swelled; there are perceived frequent Sighings, Belchings, Cramps, and Windiness, motions to Vomit; sometimes the Patient is feverish, at other times tremble and shiver with cold, and upon a sudden hot again; sometimes heavy, dull, and melancholy, disability to walk; upon a sudden their Breath fail, and it is with very much difficulty, if they use but the least motion; when they offer to rise, or sit but upright, they are almost ready to die, their Spirits so much fail them; but when they lie down, they seem to be much refreshed, and breathe not with so much difficulty; and for the most part their Appetites are sharp, and greedy of Meat, and desire to eat often; the Stomach seldom failing; but the Belly often costive or bound; and yet I have known many subject to a continual Flux.

And sometimes the Spots in the Legs are broad, and are very black, leaden-colour or blew, and they often swell; and sometimes

the Legs become so much ulcerated, that the Shin-bones lie bare: which Disease, if not timely prevented, in some Constitutions will turn into a kind of Leprosie, *&c.*

In this Disease there are also pains in the Shoulders, Arms, Back, Sides, Hips, Thighs, and Legs, especially upon the Shin-bones, which are much like those of the Pox, and may perhaps deceive the Physician, *where the Scurvy is Rare, and the Pox common.*

But they may with ease be distinguished: For the pains of the Pox are between the Joints; and if they continue long, there follows *Nodes* or *Knots*; and there are or have been other signs, as the Running of the Reins, Ulcers in the Privy Parts, sometimes in the Throat, Pallat, Mouth and Nostrils; Buboes in the Groin, all which come most commonly from Unclean Women.

But the pains in the Scurvy seiz upon all parts indifferently, and there are many other Symptoms of it, as aforesaid, at least a melancholy Constitution: and the matter is truly known, if the Patient will in truth affirm that he hath not had *Carnal Copulation with Unclean Women.*

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There are many other Symptoms of the Scurvy, which for Brevity-sake I shall here omit. And so *Demonstrate a Certain, Safe, and Absolute Way of Cure*, which is as followeth:

If the Body be Plethorick or full, Let Blood if strength will permit, but in small quantity, and that chiefly in the Hemorrhoid-Veins, by Leeches; but if you perceive the Spleen affected in particular, then open the Middle-Vein in the Left Arm; but if the Liver be more affected, open the Liver-Vein in the right Arm, or the *Basilica*, or Middle-Vein.

But be sure not to attempt Phlebotomy, if it be not in the beginning of the Disease. For when the Distemper is deep rooted, and hath spread it self over the whole Body, *Bleeding* may then prove destructive.

So begin with the Medicine following, which doubtless will prove to be very profitable.

Take the Bark of Ash Tree, the Bark of Cappers, of each two drams, Pollipody two drams and a half, the Roots of Black Hellebore, first boiled in the distilled Water of Balm, and dried, three drams, Fennel-seeds, Annis-seeds, of

each half a dram, the Roots of China two drams, of the Four Great Cold Seeds, of each one dram, the Leaves of Wormwood, Betony, and the leſſer Centaury, Germander, Cetarach, of each half a handful, Thyme, Epithimum, of each one Pugil, the Leaves of Senna, and the beſt Rhubarb, of each two drams, Conſerve of Burrage, Balm, and Fumatory, of each one ounce; being cut and bruiſed, boil them in three pints of Water to the conſumption of the third part, ſtrain it, and let the Patient drink a quarter of a pint two hours before Supper, repeating the ſame as need require.

Or take of the beſt Senna two drams, the choiceſt Rhubarb one dram; being bruiſed, infuſe them in *five or ſix ounces of the Diſtilled Water of Wormwood*, for the ſpace of one night; after which ſtrain it, and add thereto *Diacatholicon two drams, the Electuary of Roſes one dram, Syrup of Epithimum half an ounce*; mix them together, and take it warm in the morning, faſting after it ſix hours.

☞ But the moſt infallibleſt way that I can in truth direct you to for the Cure of this now Common Diſeaſe, is to make uſe of my *Cathartique and Diuretique Pills*, for they ſo highly Purifie and Sweeten the *Blood*, that no other Medicine can be compared to them in the

the Cure of the Dropsie and Scurvy, with all other sharp, salt and watry Humours.

And with them make use of the Diet-Drink directed first in the Chapter of the Dropsie, page 156.

Or sometimes make use of the following Medicines:

Take Brook-lime, Water-Cresses, the lesser Celandine, Wormwood, and Fumatory, of each one handful, Red-Dock-Roots one pound, Horse-Radish four ounces; being cut and bruised, boil them in a sufficient quantity of small Ale, with a quart or more of VVhite-wine, to the consumption of the third part; being strained, keep it for use: of which let the Patient take a quarter of a pint first and last.

Or take Hyssop, Germander, Betony, Cetarach, Carduus, Asarum, Agrimony, Burrage, and Bugloss, of each one handful, the Flowers of Tamarisk, and Doder of Time, of each one ounce, the Bark of Cappers, Tamarisk, and Ash, of each two ounces, Pollipody of the Oak, and Red-Dock-Roots, of each two ounces and a half; being cut and bruised, boil them in a sufficient quantity of small Ale mixed with VVhite-wine, to the Consumption of the third part, and drink thereof, as afore-directed.

Or

Or take the Juice of Water-Cresses and Brook-lime, of each one ounce, the Juice of Fumatory two ounces; mix them, and make a Potion thereof; which drink every morning fasting.

Or take the Juice of both sorts of Scurvy-grass, White-wine and the Juice of Oranges, of each one pint; being mixed together, drink thereof first and last three or four spoonfuls at a time.

Or take the Juice of Lemons, Sorrel, Brook-lime and Water-Cresses, Fumatory and White-Wine, of each an equal quantity; being mixed together, take thereof as afore-directed.

Always observe to drink it warm, so you may take thereof, notwithstanding the taking my *Pills*, which with them will prove certainly effectual in this Distemper.

After you have purged sufficiently with my Pill, if much broke out, make use of the following Ointment:

Take Ointment of Roses three ounces, the white Ointment with Camphire two ounces, Sal Prunella one ounce, Mercurius Dulcis, Ginger, Burnt Allum, of each half an ounce; make them into an Ointment with Oil of Roses and Juice of Lemons, according to Art.

Or take Red-Dock-Roots and Elicampane, of each one pound, the Buds or Leaves of Elder two handfuls, Rosemary and Bay-Leaves, of each

one

one handful, *Cloves one dram*; being cut and bruised, boil them in *May-Butter* or Hogs-fat to an Ointment; and if you please, to every pound thereof add two ounces of the *Flower of Brimstone*, and anoint the Pustules or Scabs therewith, for it will heal the greatest Scab or Itch, with the use of my *Pills*.

Such that have the Scurvy in the Gums, notwithstanding taking of my Pills, let them take *Vinegar of Squills*, *and Plantane Water*, and gargle therewith.

Or take Crab-Verjuice and Scurvygrass-Water, of each alike, and add thereto a small quantity of Honey and Allom, and gargle therewith as afore-directed.

Or make use of some of the Medicines directed, p. 91, 92, *&c.*

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CHAP. XXVI.

Of the JAUNDICE.

THe Jaundice (according to moſt Authors) is nothing but a Yellow Colour of the whole Body, proceeding of Choler ſpread all over the Skin; and yet the Liver ſafe; as in the *Criſis* of Diſeaſes often-times the Jaundice is cauſed, and doth happen when the Blood is corrupted without a Fever, or ſome external Cauſe, and is made Cholerick; as it falleth out by the biting of Venomous Beaſts. It alſo may be cauſed through inflammation or change of the temperament of the Liver. Sometimes it is cauſed through Embecillity or Weakneſs of the Bladder that receiveth the Choler, which doth not attract or draw, as it formerly did, the Cholerick Humour from

from the Liver unto him, and so leaveth the *Blood* impure. Sometimes it is caused through Obstruction and Weakness of the Vessels whose Mouths are derived from the Gall to the Liver, and therefore attracteth not the Cholerick Humour. And oftentimes through obstruction or stoppage of the Passages that do go to the Bowels.

The manifest Signs of the Jaundice are in short as followeth:

A Yellow Colour throughout the whole *Body*, more especially in the VVhite of the Eyes; the Balls of the Cheeks and near the Temples are of a pale colour; the Tongue seems bitter, and oftentimes Hiccoughs, and Cholerick, Vomits, also Lazineſs, and Itching about the *Body*, *&c.*

The Jaundice is various, according to the variety of the Causes.

That which comes from the stoppage of the bag containing the Gall, because its passages are nearer the Guts, the matter cleaving thereunto is with much ease sent into them; if the stoppage proceed not from a Stone, for that

that sometimes renders the Disease uncurable, because it cannot be dissolved.

If the Jaundice come from an inflammation and hardness of the Liver, it is most dangerous, for oftentimes one ends in an Impostume, the other in a Dropsie: *If in the latter, if taken in time, it is certainly cured.*

The Cure of the Jaundice may be performed as followeth:

Take the best Rhubarb fifteen grains, Saffron twelve grains, Diaprunis solutive, the Electuary of the Juice of Roses, of each three drams; make them up into a *Bolus* with fine Sugar, and take it two or three times one after the other, especially if the *Body* be of a very ill Habit.

Or take my Cathartique and Diuretique Pills, according to Directions: for therewith I have cured several past all hopes, with the use of the following Drink.

Take Celandine one handful, the Tops of Sea-Wormwood, Centaury, of each half a handful, the Roots of the best Madder half an ounce, Cinamon half a dram, Saffron twelve grains, infuse them for the space of twelve hours in eight ounces of the best White-wine; strain it, and sweeten it with Sugar, and drink it every morning three or four hours before Dinner.

Or

Or take the Leaves and Flowers of St. Johns-wort, the Leaves and Roots of Celandine, of each half a handful, the Bark of the Barbary Tree, Gooſe-Dung, Ivory, of each three drams, Saffron one ſcruple and a half; tie the *Saffron* and *Gooſe-dung* up into a Cloth, and boil them all together in equal parts of the diſtilled VVater of VVormwood and VVhite-wine, to the Conſumption of half; then ſtrain it, and ſweeten it with Sugar. Being divided into three parts, drink one part thereof every morning faſting, and repeat the ſame Decoction, if need require.

Or take Caſtile-Sope, ſcraped very ſmall, half an ounce, the beſt Engliſh Saffron one dram, dried and rubbed to Powder; mix them together, and put it into three or four Pippins, the Cores being firſt taken forth; then roſt the Pippins by degrees; after which take off the Skins, and mix them well together, and take thereof as much as a large Walnut firſt and laſt, until it be all taken: and if need require repeat the ſame: For I will aſſure you that it is a very Excellent Medicine.

Egg-ſhells dried before the fire till they are almoſt black, beaten to Powder, and the quantity of a dram given in VVhite-wine firſt and laſt, with ten grains of Saffron, is alſo very good.

Of

Or dry the Livers of Rooks, and make thereof Powder, which give to the Patient, the quantity of a dram at a time in VVhite-wine.

Or take the fresh dung of a Goose that eats Grass in the Spring time, and dry it, and make it into fine powder; or the Dung of a Hen, the white part thereof being reduced to powder, and a dram at a time taken as aforesaid, have given help in few days.

Or take *Sheeps-Dung one handful, the Bark of the Barbary-Tree half a handful, and infuse them for one night in one quart of Ale and White-wine mixed together*; strain it, and drink it off in the morning fasting. This do for six or seven days together, if occasion require. The same vittue hath Stone-Horse Dung infused as aforesaid; and to my knowledge have both done great Cures. So hath Hogs Lice bruised, and about forty or fifty infused all Night in VVhite-wine, and strained and taken in the morning fasting, for some time together.

Or take *Album Græcum* and Akorns, of each two drams, being in fine powder, give it at at three times to the Patient in VVhite-wine.

A Live Trout or Tench cut open and applied to the pit of the Stomach for some time,

time, is an infallible Remedy against the Jaundice.

The Jaundice being as it were cured, and yet the Eyes remain Yellow, give to the Patient two drams of *Venice-Treacle*, and let him sweat as strength will permit. After which let his Face and Eyes be washed with the Distilled VVater of *Bean-Flowers* and *Rose-Water* in equal parts mixed together, and it will cause the Yellowness to depart.

CHAP. XXVII.

Of the Stone in the Kidneys.

THE Stone in the Kidneys is caused through a perpetual crudity or rawness of the Stomach, whereby abundance of tough, gross and earthy Humours are heaped together; and being of a fiery heat about the Reins, parcheth the Humours, and baketh them together into a Stone.

They differ much both in figure, colour, and sharpness, for they are often found to be black, sometimes pale, or of a whitish colour.

The Sign of this Disease is violent pain in the Reins, insomuch that the Patient can hardly turn his Back-bone; there is also abhorring of Meat, and motion to Vomit, the Urine is made but in very little quantity, and many times wholly stopped; sometimes there is voided Blood; the bottom of the Urine gravelly, which shews some motion of the Stone from the Reins. The Stones that are light, smooth, and round, pass forth with

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some ease; but those that are long, sharp, and jagged, are sent forth with violent pain.

To help this most violent Distemper, if the Body be full of Excrements, make use of the following Glister.

Take Pellitory of the Wall, Maiden-hair, Mercury, Mallows, and Marsh-Mallows, of each one good handful, Water-Cresses, one handful and a half, Smallage, Fennel, Parsly and Linseed, of each two or three drams, Bran and the Roots of Flower-de-luce, of each one ounce; being cut and bruised, boil them in a sufficient quantity of water, to the consumption of the third part; then strain it, and take thereof one pint: to which add *Honey of Roses, and Cassia newly drawn, of each one ounce, Hiera Picra half an ounce, Oyl of Rue, Camomile, and Dill, of each one ounce, Sal Prunella one dram and a half;* mix them together, and make a Glister thereof, which minister to the Patient as need require.

Or take Mercury, Mallows, Marsh-Mallow-Roots, Camomile, of each one handful; being cut and bruised, boil them in one quart of new Milk, to the consumption of half; after which, turn the Milk with Ale; then strain it, and take one pint of the strained Liquor, to

which add the *Lenitive Electuary and Diacatholicon, of each six drams, Venice-Turpentine half an ounce, Syrup of Marsh-Mallows one ounce and a half, Oyl of Lillies, Dill, Rue and Camomile, of each half an ounce, Chymical Oil of Juniper twenty drops*; being mixed well together, give it Glister-ways; for it giveth ease, and causeth the Patient to void small stones, as I have often seen.

Instead of the Glister, if the Belly be not costive, administer to the Patient the following Potion, for it is of Excellent use.

Take of the Lenitive Electuary one ounce, Syrup of Marsh-Mallows two ounces, Cream of Tartar and Holland Powder, of each one scruple, Salt of Tartar ten grains, with four ounces of the Distilled Water of Oaken Leaves; make a potion thereof, which let the Patient take all at once in the morning warm.

Or you may take of Cassia newly drawn, and Oyl of sweet Almonds, of each half an ounce, Diaphœnicon two drams, Powder of Rhubarb fifteen or twenty grains, Liquorice in Powder half a dram, Syrup of Violets one ounce; with a sufficient quantity of the Distilled Water of Mallows make a potion thereof, which take as afore-directed.

Or take of my Pills once or twice a week; in which course drink small White-wine sweetned with Syrup of Marsh-Mallows.

Or some of the Liquors made as followeth taken with them, they do much good; for they cause the Stone and Gravel to be voided with much ease, and also preventeth the Generation of the same.

Take the Distilled Water of green Walnuts and Saxifrage, of each one pint, the best White-Wine one quart; sweeten it with Syrup of Marsh-Mallows, and drink thereof a quarter of a pint first and last hot, repeating the same if need require.

In every drought take ten drops, or more, of the Spirit of Vitriol, and it will prove the more effectual.

Or you may take the Distilled Water of Pellitory and Saxifrage, of each alike, and sweeten it with Syrup of Violets and Marsh-Mallows, adding thereto Spirit of Vitriol, and take it as afore-directed.

The meaner sort of People may boil a good quantity of Saxifrage, Couch-grass, and Pellitory of the Wall, in running Water, and sweeten it with Honey, and drink thereof: for it is very effectual, for it mollifieth the

paſſages, and cauſeth the Stone to come away the more freely.

Holly-Berries bruiſed and boiled in Wine or Ale, doth the ſame to admiration.

Or being dried and beat to power, and a dram thereof drunk in White-wine, is alſo very good; but ſuch that cannot get VVhite-wine, muſt be content with Ale.

Or take Pigeons-Dung, and fill a large Glaſs therewith half full; after which fill it up with the beſt VVhite-VVine, then cover it very cloſe, and let it ſtand for ſeven days; after which, diſtill in Sand. Of which let the Patient drink two ounces at a time, repeating the ſame as need require: for it is a very Excellent Remedy to Break and Bring away the Stone and Gravel.

Or take Goats Blood prepared, one dram, VVhite Amber one ſcruple, VVhite wine, and the Juice of Radiſhes, of each two onnces; being mixed together, drink it off, often repeating the ſame.

The Juice of Radiſhes and Mouſe-Ear being drunk, two or three ounces every day firſt and laſt, is alſo very good.

Or take one dram of the Salt of Camomile in Radish-VVater, as afore-directed.

Outward Medicines proper to ease the pain in the Fits of the Stone, are made as followeth:

Take Oyl of Camomile, Elder and Violets, of each six drams, Seeds of Dill and Camomile bruised, of each half an ounce, fresh Butter, and Ducks grease, of each two drams; being boiled two or three walms, strain it, and add thereto the yolks of two New-laid-Eggs, and beat them well together, and anoint the Reins of the Back therewith.

Or take the Oyl of sweet Almonds and Dill, of each three drams, Oyl of Camomile one ounce, Goose, Duck's and Hen's fat, of each one dram, fresh Butter one dram and a half: with a little Bees VVax make thereof an Ointment, and anoint the Reins and Loins therewith.

Or take fresh Butter, Oyl of Lillies, and Hens Fat, of each one ounce, the Oyl of Scorpions compound, two ounces, Oyl of Sweet Almonds one ounce and an

half; being mixed well together, anoint therewith, as afore-directed.

Or,

Take Diachylon Simple three ounces, Oyl of Scorpions one ounce; melt them together, being spread upon Sheeps Leather, apply it to the Reins Plaister-ways; and there let it remain for fourteen days.

CHAP.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Of the Ulcers of the Reins.

ULcers of the Reins are caused oftentimes through breaking of the Veins of the same; also it is caused through putrid or rotten Inflammations, and through sharp, gnawing or fretting Humours carried into the Reins.

The Signs of Ulcers in the Reins are heavinesse and pains in the Loins. In the Urine there is perceived little pieces of flesh, and sometimes hairs or little rags swiming therein; blood, and matter, *&c.*

The Cure of Ulcers in the Reins caused through sharp gnawing Humours, ought to be begun with such Medicines as will purge the same.

None more proper than my Pills: for a large dose thereof will cause the Patient to vomit, which will not only be beneficial to carry off viscous Humours, but withal be a means

means the ſooner to heal the Ulcers of the Reins. And with the Pills, the more to ſtop the ſharp Humours,

Take Purſlain, Endive, Sorrel, and Mallows; being cut and bruiſed, boil them in a ſufficient quantity of water, and ſtrain it, after which ſweeten it with the Syrup of *Violets, Roſes, and Water-Lillies*, and drink thereof as of ordinary Drink.

Or take the Seeds of Cucumbers, Melons, and Gourds; being beat into Powder, mix them with the aforeſaid Syrups. The Conſerve of them are alſo very good, which the Patient may take at any time, after the viſcous Humours are well purged.

Or take the Seeds of Fenugreek four ounces, and boil them in a ſufficient quantity of Spring Water, ſtrain it, and ſweeten it with honey, whereof take a good draught firſt and laſt.

Or take one ounce of the beſt Honey, new Milk hot from the Cow, one pint; being mixed together, drink it off hot firſt and laſt, for ſome time together.

Or take Raiſins, Barly and Liquorice, of each a like quantity; being cut and bruiſed, boil them in a ſufficient quantity of water, to the conſumption of half; then ſtrain it, and ſweeten it with Honey, and drink thereof, for it is of very excellent uſe. And

And when the Ulcers are well purged and cleansed, (which may be known by the Urine being without Dregs, Moats, and filthy matter, *&c.*)

Give to the Patient of the Medicines made as followeth:

Take the best Venice-Turpentine washed in Plantane-Water, four ounces, the Powder of Cinamon, and Nutmegs, of each half an ounce; being well boiled together, make Pills thereof, which let the Patient take at his pleasure.

Or take fine Bole, White Starch, sealed Earth, and make them up into Pills with Gum-Dragon, first dissolved in Plantane-Water: which take as the former.

Or take the Roots of Tormental, being dried and beat to fine Powder, the quantity of one dram, in four ounces of Plantane-Water, every morning fasting.

Or take Terra Lemnia, fine Bole, Dragons Blood, Spodium burnt, Gum Dragon, of each one dram and a half, Linseed, Cucumbers and Melons, of each two drams, the Seeds of Smallage, Starch, and Pine Nuts roasted, of each one dram; being beat all well together, and a very fine Powder made thereof; give

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to the Patient two drams at a time in new Milk.

These and such like do not onely dry, but Conglutinate.

You may take one dram of the *Troches* called *Cordonii* in fine Powder, first and last, in four ounces of Plantane-VVater, sweetned with Syrup of Marsh-Mallows: for it is of excellent use in such cases, as I have often proved.

Or,

Take Sanicle and VVound-wort, of each three or four handfuls, Plantane-Roots and Leaves two large handfuls: Being cut and bruised, boil them in Two Gallons of VVater, to the Consumption of half, and sweeten it with Syrup of Marsh-Mallows or Honey. And let the *Patient* drink thereof, as of Ordinary Drink, for one whole month: And doubt not the Cure, if you purge well first.

The Reins may be strengthened, and made more dry; with the Ointment or Plaister made as followeth:

Take

Take Oyl of Quinces, Myrtles, and Roses, of each a like quantity; being mixed together, anoint the Reins therewith every night going to bed.

Or,

Take Frankincense, Mastick, and of the fore-mentioned Oyls, of each one ounce, the Powder of Red-Rose-Leaves and Barly meal, of each a sufficient quantity; and make a Plaister thereof, which apply to the Reins.

CHAP.

CHAP. XXIX.

Of the Stone in the Blader.

THe Stone in the Blader doth not only ingender in Children, but in Persons of middle Age, and in old People: And that is when gross and very thick Urine is carried into the large space of the Blader, and there retained, like to the dregs of VVine, or filthy muddy Water, and at length through heat compact together breedeth a Stone.

The principal Cause of the Stone in the Bladder is thickness of *Urine*, and many times violent heat.

The Signs of this Disease is a continual itching in the Privy Members, and sometimes swelling of the same; and the Patient is always making of water, though but by drops, as in the Strangury, *&c.*

The Cure of this Distemper doth not much differ from that of the Reins, but that it must be

be performed with stronger Medicines, and their application, for the most part, to other places.

To help the Stone in the Bladder,

Take of the Distilled Water of Winter-Cherries two ounces, Salt of Camomile one dram, Syrup of Marsh-Mallows half an ounce, Salt of Amber ten grains; mix them, and make a potion thereof, which let the Patient take in the morning fasting, repeating the same, if need require; for it is a very good Remedy.

Or take the Stones of the wild Hips, being well dried beat them to fine Powder, and take thereof a quarter of an ounce at a time in four ounces of White-Wine, which will provoke Urine much, and bring away the Stone and Gravel.

Or take the Powder of Ivy-Berries, Red-Nettle-Roots, of each one ounce, Sal Prunella half an ounce; being mixed together, take three or four scruples every morning in four ounces of White-wine.

Or take the Seeds of Camomile, Smallage, Parsly, Black Piony, Fennel, Lovage, Marsh-Mallows, Burdock, and the Seeds of Ash-Keys, of each two drams; being dried and beat to Powder, take thereof one dram and a half,

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or two drams, every morning in Rheniſh or VVhite-wine.

Or take the Diſtilled Water of Onions two ounces, Spirit of Juniper one ounce, the Powder of Wood-Lice prepared one dram, Syrup of Marſh-Mallows one ounce; mix them, and make a potion thereof, which drink every morning faſting for ſome time together.

Or take one dram and a half of the Powder of the aforeſaid Lice in the diſtilled VVater of Onions and VVhite-wine in equal parts.

Or make uſe of the Liquor made with Vinegar and Pigeons Dung, directed in the Chapter of the Stone in the Reins.

Or take Cantharides well prepared one ſcruple, the Powder called Diatrag. frigidi one dram, the diſtilled Water of Winter-Cherries two ounces; being mixed together, drink it in the morning, repeating in the ſame, if need require.

The ignorant ought not to meddle with *Cantharides*, for it muſt be calcined according to Art, before it be made uſe of, leſt the Patient ſuffer damage thereby; for not being rightly prepared, it excoriates the parts, and cauſeth a bloody Urine.

Goats Blood is not onely good to break the Stone in the Reins, but in the Bladder alſo; which you may take in VVhite-wine, or

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in the the Distilled VVater of Radishes or *Winter-Cherries*, as afore-directed.

Outwardly to give ease when in extream pain, caused by the Stone in the Bladder:

Take common Mallows, Marsh-Mallows, and Mellilot-Flowers, of each alike; being bruised and boiled in VVater, bath the part therewith hot.

Or take Wild Time, Broom, Rue, of each two handfuls, Figs half a pound, Bran one handful; being boiled in a sufficient quantity of VVater, to the consumption of the third part, strain it, and adde thereto Honey, Oyl of Dill, Camomile, and Oyl of Lillies, of each one ounce, and bath the Privy Members therewith, as afore-directed.

Or take Camomile, Red-Nettles, Roots and all together, the Tops of the Juniper Tree, the Leaves of an Oak, of each a like quantity; being boiled in water to the consumption of half, strain it, and bath often therewith.

After which, anoint the bottom of the Belly and Privy Parts with the following Ointment.

Take the Gum called Opopanax, and Bdellium, of each one ounce and a half, Ducks Grease half an ounce, Oyl of Lillies, Dill, Turpentine, and Oyl of Scorpions, of each three drams, with Bees Wax make them up into an Ointment, and after bathing anoint therewith, or make use of the Ointments directed in the Chapter of the Stone in the Reins.

And if the Patient have a suppression of Urine, syringe up into his Yard the Urine of a wholesome person; which will not onely cause him to make Water freely, but ease the violent pain.

CHAP.

CHAP. XXX.

Of the Ulcers in the Bladder.

THe Ulcers of the Bladder are oftentimes caused through Boils or Botches, sometimes swelling by reason of some kind of Rupture, and sharp gnawing Fluxes doth many times cause this Distemper.

The Signs are violent sharp and pricking pains in the Bladder for the most part; the Patient with his Urine voideth dregs & slimy matter, and in the bottom appears a sediment like to Bran, or small Pieces of thin Skin; and if the Ulcers are deep, the Urine is bloody, and full of stinking Pus or matter; and then the more difficult to be cured.

But if they are not deep, nor of too long standing, the pains may be eased and the Ulcers cured by the Medicines made as followeth:

Take Turpentine washed in Plantain-Water one ounce, the choicest Rhubarb in fine Powder one ounce and a half; *Mercurius*

Dulcis two drams; being mixed well together by beating them in a Mortar, make Pills thereof as big as gray Peaſe, of which let the Patient take two at night, and three in the morning.

Or take *Caſſia* newly drawn, Syrup of Roſes and Manna, of each one ounce, the beſt Agarick, Rhubarb, and Jallap, (all in fine powder) of each two drams, mix them together, and take as much as a VValnut every morning faſting.

Or take *Venice*-Turpentine waſhed in Roſe-water two ounces, Powder of Liquorice half an ounce; mix them well together, and divide it into four parts, of which let the Patient take every morning one part at a time faſting.

If theſe and ſuch-like purge not ſufficient, make uſe of the Directions in the Chapter of the Ulcers in the Reins, with which purge till you perceive the Urine to be clear from dregs, pus, or matter.

After which, to heal and ſtrengthen the parts,

Take Dragons-Blood, Sealed Earth, of each half an ounce, Camphire one dram: being made in fine Powder, make it up into Pills with *Venice*-Turpentine waſhed in Plantane-

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tane-Water, whereof take three first and last.

Or take Powder of Juniper-berries, and Liquorice, of each a like, and make it up into Pill with *Venice*-Turpentine washed in Plantane-Water, for they are of excellent use.

Or take the fore-mentioned Pills made up with Turpentine, Cinamon and Nutmegs, for they strengthen very much.

You may boil the Roots of Plantane and the Leaves of the same with the like quantity of the inward Bark of Elm in Spring-Water, and in this course drink often thereof.

CHAP. XXXI.

Of the Gonorrhea, or Running of the Reins.

OF this Diſtemper there are three ſorts.

The firſt is, VVhen the Sperm or Seed is ſhed againſt the Patients conſent, and for the moſt part is cauſed through weakneſs of the Retentive Virtue in the Veſſels containing the ſame, and ſometimes through a Flux of the Spermatick Veſſels, which is many times watery, and very thin, and without any Appetite to Carnal Copulation; yet ſometimes it doth come forth with a kind of pleaſure.

The ſecond is a Nocturnal Polution through Dreams, *&c.* which men are moſt ſubject to whoſe Liver, Reins, and Seminary Veſſels do abound with heat.

The third is a virulent Gonorrhea, and oftentimes a Symptom that doth follow the French Diſeaſe. VVhich Diſtemper is known by an iſſue from the ſecret parts, not of Sperm, but

but of corrupt and poysonous matter of divers colours, which excoriates and ulcerates the Urinary passages, from whence follows a very sharp and scalding heat and violent pain in making water, the Patient not able to endure the erection of the Yard; between the Glans and Prepuce, *&c.* often grows several pieces of Flesh much resembling Warts or Strawberries; all being of evil consequence, if not timely prevented, or perfectly cured.

In order to which, in the first place make use of the cooling *Bolus* made as followeth.

Take of the best Rhubarb one scruple, *Sal Prunella*, *Mercurius Dulcis*, and *Tartarum Vitriolatum*, of each ten grains, *Cassia* newly extracted, or the Lenitive Electuary, from six to eight drams; being mixed well together, let the Patient take one part at night going to bed, and the rest in the morning fasting. Thus do every day, or every second, for ten days together.

Or take Extract of *Rudii* two drams, *Mercurius Dulcis* well prepared two scruples, with a sufficient quantity of the Juice of Fumatory, make them up into twenty Pills, which take two at night and three in the morning.

Or take Rosin of Jallap and Scamony prepared with Sulphur, of each two drams, *Mercurius Dulcis* one dram; make them up into *Pills* with *Venice*-Turpentine washed in Plantane-Water, and let the Patient take thereof from one scruple to half a dram every day, if strength permit.

Or take Rosin of Scamony, Jallap, Liquorice, and Salt of Tartar, of each two drams, *Mercurius Dulcis* one dram, make them up into a mass for Pills with Turpentine, as aforedirected; and take thereof from one scruple to half a dram, or two scruples.

There are several Medicines that are compounded of crude *Mercury*, &c. which I know to be of excellent use, if administred with discretion.

But those that are not willing to take Mercurial Medicines, may in this Distemper also make use of my *Cathartique and Diuretique Pills*, not doubting of good success; for therewith I have cured hundreds, and very commonly without Astringent Medicines.

In the use of either of the Medicines above directed, the more to ease the pains, and to abate the violent sharpness and heat of Urine, make use of the following Liquor.

Take

Take Plantane, Night-shade, Mallows and Wood-Sorrel, of each one handful, the inward Bark of Elm half a handful; boil them in one gallon of Running VVater, to the consumption of half; strain it, and sweeten it with Honey, and drink thereof three or four times a day.

Or take the Distilled Water of Red Roses, Purslain, Lettuce, Mallows, and Water-Lillies of each two ounces, Syrup of Violets and Poppies, of each one ounce and an half, Sal Prunella one dram and a half; being mixed together, take thereof three or four spoonfuls at a time, often repeating the same.

Or take *the distilled Water of Winter-Cherries four ounces, the distilled Water of the Sperm of Frogs two ounces*; mix them together, and sweeten it with Syrup of VVater-Lillies, and drink thereof as afore-directed.

Or give to the Patient one dram of the powder of the Troches of VVinter-Cherries, in half a pint of the Decoction of the Leaves and Flowers of Common Mallows.

The Distilled Water of the Sperm of Frogs and thin Milk, of each alike, sweetned with Syrup of Poppies or with Diacodium, giveth ease in a short time. The Patient may drink Milk and VVater mixed together, sweetened with

with Syrup of Marſh-Mallows, or the Decoction of Mallows alone, is of great profit; drunk as ordinary drink.

Or take the four Cold Seeds, and the Seeds of Quinces and White Poppies, of each alike, being boiled in a ſufficient quantity of Spring-water, ſweetned and took as afore-directed, is alſo very beneficial.

After you have purged ſufficiently, and the pains abated, if need require, make uſe of the aſtringent Medicines made as followeth.

Take old Conſerve of Red-Roſes, Venice-Turpentine waſhed in Plantane-Water, of each half an ounce, the Powder of the Bark of Black Thorn one ounce, ſealed Earth half an ounce; with a ſufficient quantity of Syrup of Pomgranates, make an Electuary thereof, which take as much as a Nutmeg at a time, every third or fourth hour.

Or take of the Seeds of Hemp, Lettuce, and Agnus Caſtus, of each half an ounce, the Powder of the beſt Sarſaperilla one ounce and a half; with a ſufficient quantity of the Syrup of VVater-Lillies make an Electuary thereof, which take as afore-directed.

The aſtringent Medicines directed in the Chapter of Ulcers in the Reins, are alſo very profitable in this Diſeaſe.

Or

Or take Mastick, Red Corral, Dragons-Blood, White Amber, Camphir, of each two drams, Agnus Castus three drams, two Nutmegs, Cinamon one dram; being made into fine Powder, mix them together, and make it up into Pills with one ounce of *Cypress*-Turpentine, whereof let the Patient take five at a time first and last.

Or take Gum Guaicum, and Turpentine washed in Plantane-water, of each one ounce, the Powder of Galls, so much as is sufficient to make the rest up into Pills, which you may take as afore directed.

But attempt none of these or such-like Medicines, until such time the Body be very well purged, lest the Remedy prove worse than the Disease. And to avoid trouble, purge with my Pills, for they will effect your desire.

CHAP.

CHAP. XXXII.

Of the FRENCH POX.

THe *POX* is a Contagious or Infectious Diſeaſe, and undoubtedly for the moſt part gotten by Carnal Copulation with corrupt and unclean VVomen, and may well be called, The very Plague of *Venus*.

Some years paſt, there was but little knowledge of it among us, but now it is become frequent, and daily bringeth with it many horrid and deteſtable Evils, and very ſad and troubleſome accidents, which in the beginning is but ſmall, yet in proceſs of time (the Patient wanting an honeſt and able Phyſician) groweth to ſuch a height, that it doth not only corrupt the Humours and Spirits, but exceedingly offend the *Nerves*, *Membranes*, *Tendons*, *Fleſh and Bones*, and at length deſtroys all other parts of the Body, perverting the Temperature and whole ſubſtance thereof; from whence proceedeth divers ſorts of Excrements.

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This most sinful and cursed Disease is very occult, and doth lie hid in the Body many months before it is perfectly discovered.

And the principal Part affected is the Liver, as may appear by the natural Actions: for in the Stomach there is an evil Concoction, from whence ariseth a vast alteration of Colour, a great indisposition of Body, the Appetite to the sports of *Venus* as it were altogether dejected or lost; it hath relation to the whole substance of the Liver, rather than to the Heart or Brain; and it doth assault the natural spirits (rather than the vital and animal) which being corrupt, must needs infect the Liver; from whence followeth shedding of hair, itching about the privy parts, filthy stinking Ulcers and virulent Gonorrhea's, *&c.*

The Cause of this most filthy Disease

Is a sordid and malignant quality containing in it self a very profound Contagion, communicated from one person infected to another, by Carnal Copulation with foul Women (as afore-mentioned) and the parts serving for Generation are for the most part infected first, by reason of their tender and pure substance, and

and in the like manner this malignant quality is communicated to the Mouth and Throat, and to the Skin: and the more weak the natural Faculties and Virtues of the Liver are, the ſooner doth it infect; from whence it often falls out, that many uſing one filthy VVoman, are as it were all infected; but ſuch men who have their natural Faculties vigorous or ſtrong, are not ſo ſoon infected.

The Signs of this moſt horrible Diſeaſe

Are Buboes in the Groin, Puſtules and Ulcers in the Yard and Urinary Paſſages; after which doth follow a light poyſonous matter, with a kind of Diſtillation, and burning or ſcalding heat in the Urine, ſometimes accompanied with a Gonnorrhea; the Patient moſt commonly is ſorely tormented with violent pain in the Head, Neck, Shoulders, Arms, Back, Knees, Legs and Shin-Bones; ſpots not onely in the Head, and about the Temples, but in ſeveral other parts of the Body do often ariſe, which are ſometimes red, and ſometimes yellow, which will for a ſhort time be gone, and then return again, and then become more virulent, which doth at laſt corrode or eat the Skin, from whence ariſeth many other filthy

filthy Ulcers, not only in the Throat, but in the Mouth, Tongue, Jaws and Nostrils, *&c.* Commonly the Hair of the Head and Beard falls off, and there doth frequently appear in the Forehead, and other parts of the Head, Joynts, and upon the Shin-Bones, Nodes, Knots, or hard Tumours, not easily to be dissolved nor cured, which doth in time corrupt the very Bones and Marrow contained therein, the Patient takes little rest because the pains are more violent in the night than in the day.

These and such like are in brief the true Symptoms or Signs of the Pox, which doth not appear in all alike, but in some Constitutions after one manner, and in others after another.

Which Disease, if newly taken, admits of an easie *Cure.*

In order to which, observe the following method.

Take Cassia newly extracted, Syrup of Roses solutive, of each half an ounce, the Electuary of the Juice of Roses two drams, Mercurius Dulcis ten grains; with a sufficient quantity of the Distilled Water of Fumatory, make a Potion thereof, which take in the morning fasting.

Or

Or take Confectio Hamech six drams, Venice-Turpentine well washed in Rose-Water two drams, Mercurius Dulcis well prepared ten grains; mix them and take it as afore-directed.

Or take the Lenitive Electuary, and Benedicta Laxativa, of each three drams, Mercurius Dulcis ten grains, Salt of Tartar five grains, being mixed together, take it as aforesaid; repeating the same (or either of the former) two or three times.

After which, open the Liver Vein in the Right Arm, the Patient not having Buboes in the Groin; if so, Bleeding will do much harm, in drawing back the Contagion to the Liver, causing the Disease to be more dangerous and painful, *&c.*

Whether Bleeding may be safely attempted or not, the matter is not great. However let the Patient be purged sufficiently with either of the fore-mentioned Electuaries.

☞ *Or with my Cathartique and Diuretique Pills*, which by large Experience are well known to be most powerful (with the Use of my *Arcanum Vitæ*) to expel this contagious Disease; not onely at the beginning thereof, but in such that have been tainted therewith some years.

Many

Many make use of the Pills made as followeth:

Take Pills of Exduobus, and Extract of Rudii, of each one dram, Mercurius Dulcis two scruples; with a sufficient quantity of Oyl of Cloves, make them up into twenty Pills; whereof take two at night and three in the morning, repeating the same as need require.

Or take the Powder of Colocinthis, Jallap, Diagredium, and Crude Antimony, of each half an ounce, Crude Mercury run through Sheeps Leather, six drams; being mortified with a sufficient quantity of *Venice*-Turpentine, by beating them in a Mortar for three or four hours, with a small quantity of the Oyl of Cloves, make thereof a mass for Pills.

Or take Crude *Mercury* run through Leather, as afore-directed, one ounce and a half, the best Aloes, *Diagredium*, *Colocinthis*, and Jallap, of each half an ounce, Saffron three drams, the sweet Oyl of Lavender-Flowers one dram; with a sufficient quantity of *Venice*-Turpentine washed in Rose-VVater, make them up into a mass for Pills, according to Art.

There are several other Pills made use of in this Disease, not much differing

from the former, as those Pills called *Barbarossæ*, &c.

The Dose of either are from twenty grains to thirty, more or less, according to the age and strength of the Patient: Which have been often made trial of, not without good success.

☞ But *My Pills*, having not one grain of *Mercury* in the whole Composition, doth more sweeten and purifie the Blood, than any other Medicine yet found out; by which means they are no less effectual in this Distemper than in the *Dropsie* and *Scurvy*, &c. But in that let the Patient use his own discretion.

And after he hath purged very well for a week or ten days together, if strength will permit:

Let him sweat three days gently with my *Arcanum Vitæ*, or with the following Liquor; the third day purge again, and then sweat: Thus do for twenty days together, if need require.

Take Sarsaperilla and Lignum Vitæ, of each four ounces, the Bark of Lignum Vitæ and the Roots of China, of each one ounce, Burdock-Roots and Liquorice, of each two ounces; being cut and bruised, boil them in six quarts

of

of Running Water, in a Vessel close stopped, to the consumption of the third part, after which strain it, and take thereof one pint hot in the morning, and lie three or four hours in a breathing sweat. To every dose of this Liquor, you may add ten or twelve drops of the Chymical Oyl of Sulphur.

The second Decoction of the foresaid Ingredients will serve to drink, as of ordinary Drink.

Another Excellent Medicine to provoke Sweat in this Case.

Take the best Sarsaperilla cut in small pieces, what you please; which put in a Glass, and add thereto Spirit of Sack, that it may lie above it the breadth of two fingers. Let it so stand, being covered close till the Spirit become Yellow; then strain it, and put it into another Glass, and to half a pint of this Spirit add two ounces of Gum Guaicum in fine Powder, that being dissolved, add thereto one spoonful of Natural Balsom; then keep it for use. Whereof take two spoonfuls in Rosemary Posset, and sweat as afore-directed. And purge with my Pills every third or fourth day. *And doubt not the*

Cure, if the Diſeaſe be not of too long continuance.

There are ſeveral other ways made uſe of in the Cure of this deſperate Diſeaſe, as Mercurial Ointments, and Fumigations with Ciniber, *&c.* to cauſe Salivation.

Medicines inwardly given to cauſe the ſame, are *Turbith Minerale*, *Arcanum Corallinum*, Red Precipitate, *Mercurius Vita*, and *Mercurius Dulcis*, which is the moſt ſafeſt of all, being well prepared, and given at the beginning fifteen grains, and increaſing every day five grains, till the Flux is ſufficiently raiſed: in which courſe the Patient ought not to eat or drink any thing except Poſſet-Drink, or Mutton-Broth, and ſuch-like. And after the Flux is raiſed, he may drink of the Decoction of *Sarſa*, *China*, &c. keeping himſelf therewith ſometimes in a breathing ſweat: for Purging and Sweating is the beſt Cure for this Diſeaſe, and moſt ſafe.

And to heal the Sores in the Mouth, make uſe of ſome of the Waters directed in the Chapter of the Ulcers of the Mouth and and Throat.

For the Ulcers in the Secret Parts, make uſe of the Waters directed pag. 84. eſpecially the two laſt.

And

And apply the Powder of *Album Græcum* with Vinegar thereto, for it doth not onely kill the Ulcers, but heal.

You may anoint the part with the White Ointment with Camphir, mixing therewith a small quantity of *Mercurius Dulcis*, or White Precipitate in fine Powder.

To take away the Warts that often grow within the Fore-Skin of the Yard and Glans, &c.

Take Orpment, Quick Brimstone, and Lime, of each two drams, the Powder of Savin half a dram; mix them together, and touch the Warts therewith, or anoint them with Balsom of Sulphur.

Oil of Antimony, and Oil of Quicksilver, are of wonderful use in such Cases.

So is the Oil drawn from Mans Excrements.

In this Distemper,

You must remember to eat Meats of Light Digestion, as Chickens, Rabbets, Mutton and Partridges, well roasted.

For ſupper you may eat Raiſins of the Sun ſtoned, or blew Currans, with Bread only, and drink very ſparingly.

But uſe as much exerciſe as poſſible, for thereby many young men that have been able to indure ſweating through the ſame, as dancing, playing at Tennis, *&c.* have been with the leaſt Phyſick imaginable, in the beginning of the Diſeaſe, perfectly cured.

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CHAP. XXXIII.

Of the PLAGUE.

THe Plague is a Disease that falleth upon many, which we have had too large experience of, and hath its original or beginning from a deadly putrifaction, which in a very high measure doth exceed the Common.

Many times this deadly quality hath its beginning in our selves, for it often times cometh to pass that the humours of our Bodies do so much degenerate from the natural temperature, that at last it taketh unto it self a deadly venomous quality, and so is forced to strive with pernicious poyson: Sometimes it ariseth from external means, as malignant and putrid Exhalations which are communicated to the Air; and sometimes from dead Bodies not buried, and from the Roots of Cabbages stinking above the Earth; from standing corrupt Waters, Fens, and foggy places, the stinking smells from slaughter-houses and Butchers Shambles doth cause

this Diſeaſe; and ſometimes from the variable mixtures of Herbs or Plants, and then it may be called, *The occult Rod of the moſt Juſt and Great God of Heaven for our abominable Sins*, and then it is moſt properly called the *Plague*; but when it hath its original from other Cauſes, it is called a *Malignant Fever*; and all Fevers that have their beginning from venom, are for the moſt part pernicious, but not peſtilential, becauſe they are not infectious.

The principal part affected (in this loathſome Diſtemper) is the *Heart*, by reaſon of the *Peſtilential Air* creeping up into the ſame by the Lungs, through the neceſſity of breathing; whereby the very Vital Spirits are aſſaulted, and the Radical Moiſture and Solid Subſtance utterly overthrown.

It is by many ſuppoſed that the beſt way to anticipate or prevent the Plague, is to fly from the corrupt Air to ſome wholeſome place, where the Air is not infected.

But ſuch that cannot with conveniency remove, may purge the Air by making Fires in each Room, *&c.* or by often firing Guns in and about the Houſe, or fire Powder frequently in every Room, and let there be burnt

Frankin-

Frankincense and Sweet VVood, as the VVood of Juniper, *&c.* for those and such-like doth remove and separate the putrifaction several ways.

It is also very requisite once or twice a week to purge the Body with such Medicines that have a Specifique Virtue in them to purifie the Blood, and to prevent Infection, as *my Cathartique and Diuretique Pills*, &c. which were wonderfully effectual in the last Great Contagion: for some hundreds that took thereof, through Gods goodness were not infected; though most of their Families that would not be perswaded to make use of them, died: which many worthy persons can testifie at this day.

And further, to prevent this Disease, make use of the Electuary made as followeth:

Take the Conserve of Borrage and Bugloss, of each one ounce, the Seeds and Bark of Citrons, of each two drams, Troches of Camphir and Diamargarit. frigidi, sealed Earth, and the true Bole, of each one dram, Emrald, Unicorns-Horn, and Amber-greece, of each one grain, with the Syrup of Citrons, make them up into an Electuary, and let the Patient take the quantity of one dram every morning fasting.

Or

Or take the Essence of Venice-Treacle, and Tincture of Saffron, of each a like quantity; being mixed together, give to the Patient one or two spoonfuls in the distilled VVater of Scabios or Bugloss, every morning, as afore-directed.

Or take Venice-Treacle, Mithridate, of each one ounce, the Confection of Alkermes two drams, the Conserve of Wood-Sorrel two ounces; mix them together, and take the quantity of a Walnut every morning.

Or take the Spirit of Sack one pint, Venice-Treacle one ounce and a half, Saffron two drams, mix them together, and let them stand close stopped for three days; then filter it, and keep the clear Spirit for use: of which let the Patient take one spoonful every morning in the distilled VVater of Rue or Carduus.

Or take one dram of Venice-Treacle every morning in the distilled Water of Wood-Sorrel, or alone if you find it not too hot.

Or take the Seeds and Bark of Citrons, Zeduary, Angelica, Gentian, Tormental, Pimpernal, and the Roots of Dittany, of each a like; being made all into fine powder, take the quantity of one dram thereof in the distilled VVater of Carduus or Borrage, every morning fasting.

Or

Or take Juniper-Berries, the Leaves of green Rue, of each one ounce, the Kernels of Walnuts two ounces, Venice-Treacle, Saffron, of each two drams, ten or twelve Figs; beat them all well together, then mix therewith a sufficient quantity of the best Vinegar, and make an Electuary thereof, of which take the quantity of a large Nutmeg every morning.

Outwardly to prevent this Disease,

Take Venice-Treacle one ounce, Conserve of Cowslips two ounces; being mixed together, make Plaisters thereof, which apply to the Region of the Heart, repeating the same as need require.

Let the Patient always be smelling to Tar, Oil of *Galbanum*, or Amber, Camphir : It profiteth much also to smell to Roses, Wormwood, Rue, *&c.*

Or make use of the following Pomanders.

Take Storax, Labdanum, Camphir, of each half an ounce, Cinamon, Cloves, Nutmegs, of each two drams, Wood of Aloes, Spikenard, Myrrh, Mastick, Frankincense, of each one scruple and a half, Musk and Amber, of each three

three or four grains; being made into fine Powder, with a sufficient quantity of distilled VVater of Marjoram and Liquid *Storax*, make them up into Pomanders.

Or hang about the Neck the Amulets made as followeth, and believe me, for they are of excellent use.

Take a Hasel-Nut, the Kernel being taken forth, and fill it with Quicksilver; after which, close up the hole with Wax, then cover it with Silk, and hang it about your Neck, that it may touch the Pit of the Stomach.

Or take the Head of a Toad well dried, and covered with Silk, and hang it about your Neck as afore-directed.

Or take Venice-Treacle one ounce, Toads dried and grosly beaten two ounces, Virginy Snake-Weed, and Contra Yerva, of each half an ounce; with a sufficient quantity of Gum-Dragon dissolved in Rose-VVater, make Amulets thereof, mixing them with a little Cotton to keep them from breaking; and gild them with Gold, and wear them about your Necks.

Those and such-like Medicines may with Gods blessing be sufficient to prevent the Pest.

The

The Cure may be performed as followeth.

If this Disease doth invade the Patient at Dinner or Supper, when the Stomach is full of meat, it will be necessary to make use of the following Vomit.

Take the infusion of Crocus Metallorum half an ounce, Oxymel of Squills one ounce, Syrup of Clove-gilliflowers six drams, being mixed together, drink it off warm.

The stronger sort may take of the foresaid infusion from half an ounce to six drams, *&c.*

Or take from three grains to six or seven of the salt of Vitriol.

Or from two grains to five of the red powder of Antimony.

Or take the Emetique powder made as followeth.

Take the distilled water of Rosemary one pint, wherein dissolve one ounce of Cream of Tartar, to which add the powder of Crocus Metallorum one ounce, and let it stand altogether for the space of one night, after which filter it through paper, and Evaporate the humidity, and keep the powder which remains in the bottom for use, for it is not only good to Vomit in the Pest, but in many other distempers. The Dose is from two grains to six, in white wine or Posset.

And

And after the Patient have made empty his Stomach with either of the foresaid Vomits, administer to him the following Diaphoretique Potion.

Take of the Electuary of Eggs one dram, the powder of a Toad truly prepared six grains, Treacle-water two drams, with four ounces of Carduus-water; make thereof a Potion, which let the Patient take, and sweat as his strength will permit; repeating the same as need shall require.

If the Electuary of Eggs cannot be obtained, take instead thereof two drams of Venice Treacle, and mix therewith the powder above directed.

Or take Dr. *Starkies* Pill, and Diaphoretique Antimony prepared from the Regules thereof, of each ten grains, Tincture of *Saffron* two drams; mix these together, which give to the Patient in any Convenient Vehicle.

With these and such like Medicines, I cured many in the year 65. not only in the City of *London*, but in the City of *Bristol* in the year 66. not one person dying under my hands that would be perswaded to make use of those Medicines as soon as possible after they were infected, as many worthy persons of that City can testifie, they not being ignorant of the good success I had in

the Cure of most other diseases during my abode with them.

The Patient in the time of sweating, or at any other time in this sickness (to comfort his spirits) may make use of the Cordial Julip made as followeth.

Take the distilled water of Marigolds and Cowslips of each three ounces, the water called Aqua Cordialis frigida Saxoniæ, Tincture of Saffron and Treacle water, of each one ounce, Syrup of Clove-gilliflowers two ounces, Oyle of Vitriol 20 or 30. drops, being mixed well together, take one or two spoonfuls at any time when more then ordinary ill or faint.

And take sometimes the quantity of a Nutmeg of the following Electuary.

Take Conserve of Violets Cowslips, Marygolds, Bugloss, and Roses, of each one ounce and a half, Bole Armonick well prepared two drams, red Coral two scruples, with a sufficient quantity of the Syrup of the juice of sharp Citrons, make them up into an Electuary according to Art.

If the Patient be Extream Thirsty,

Take the distilled water of Wood-sorrel, Syrup of Violets, and Syrup of the Juice of Citrons, and the distilled water of Buglos of each

each two ounces, mix them together, and take a ſpoonful thereof now and then.

Or take the Decoction made with Wood-ſorrel, Scabios, and flowers of Buglos, and ſweeten it with Syrup of Citrons and Violets.

Or take Barly-water, ſweeten the ſame with the Syrup of Lemmons, and add thereto the Juice of Wood-ſorrel, or unripe Grapes, and let the Patient take moderately thereof.

The Manner how to break and heal the Carbuncle or Plague Botch.

Take Pidgeons-dung, Elder-leaves, and Muſtard-ſeed, of each one handful; beat them all very ſmall, then add thereto Venice-Treacle one ounce, and two ounces of the Urine of a young Child, mixing them all well together; after which ſpread it upon a Cloath, and apply it to the Botch.

Or make a Linnen Cloth moiſt in the diſtilled water of Ale-hoof, and apply it to the Botch hot.

Or take a Live Cock, and pull off the Feathers off his Breſt, and apply him to the Botch, keeping him there till he die; afterward bury him, for he will have drawn the poyſon to himſelf.

Or

Or take a large Toad, thrust him through with some sharp Stick, after which dry him in the Sun, and apply him to the part; for this will in a short time break the Sore.

Or take the best *Venice*-Turpentine one ounce, the Yolks of two new-laid Eggs, mix them together, and apply it to the Botch; for it causeth any hard Tumor to open.

Or take a green Frog, and tie him alive upon the Botch, till such time he dieth; by which means all the poyson will be drawn forth.

Or take six or seven Figs, large Raisins one ounce, Sal Gem two drams, Honey ten drams; with a little Oil of Camomile make them into a Plaister, and apply it hot to the Botch.

Or take the Plaister of Diachylon Simple two ounces, Gum Ammoniack and Galbanum, of each one ounce; mix them together, and apply it to the Part.

Goose-Dung dissolved in Oil of Camomile, or Common Oil, and applied to a Plague-Sore, doth to admiration break the same.

To heal the Sores,

Take Juniper-berries, VVall-Pepper, and Saraſens VVound-wort; cut and bruiſe them very ſmall, and add thereto one pint of VVine, and another of VVater, and boil them to the conſumption of the third part, and waſh the Sore therewith twice or thrice a day; after which, apply thereto Oakern Leaves every time freſh; and if the Oakern Leaves chance to be dry, make them moiſt in the aforeſaid VVater.

Or boil the Inward Bark of Oak and Elm in water, with a little Salt, and waſh your Sores therewith often, for it doth not only dry, but heal.

Or you may apply thereto the Plaiſter of Red or VVhite Lead, freſh twice a day.

CHAP. XXXIV.

Of the GOUT.

THis Disease is frequently ingendred through perpetual Crudities and Drunkenness, and through the immoderate use of Venery, by vehement riding and walking, and sometimes by standing long still; also through obstruction or stopping of accustomed Purgations, Fluxes, *&c.* and through intermitting of common Exercise. Grief, or Sorrow, Care, VVatchings, or sitting up all night, and several other Perturbations of the Mind, doth not only breed this miserable Distemper, but doth ingender other violent and corrupt Humours. And many times the Cholick is turned into the Gout, being not well cured.

But for the most part a disposition to this Distemper is hereditary, or from the Parents to the Children, and to their Posterity; and in especial manner from such Parents that have been tainted with the Pox, whose Children, at least, must be troubled with the

Gout, being (in my opinion) somewhat related thereunto.

The Signs of the Gout are many, which here I must omit; but only when it is near at hand the Patient hath a more than ordinary sense and quickness in his Joints, in so much that the smallest matter will hurt him. And at the very beginning of it there will be found in the Joints a sense as it were like to crawling Pismires, with a kind of unusuall heat, &c.

This Disease is known to be present by a violent pain in the Joints, which for the most part is attended with swelling and redness; if not at first, it appears presently after, and the pain commonly seizes upon the great Toe upon the left Foot, and often times it spreadeth it self to the other Joints.

The Gout that is Hereditary, or very long contracted, the Patient having hard and stony knots about the Joints, and more than ordinary subject to be costive and bound, is seldom or never perfectly cured.

But those that have the Gout, and not over-much stricken in years, and are inclinable to exercises, and are without the forementioned stony knots, may be cured.

☞ In order to which Cure,

Let the Patient make use of my Cathartique and Diuretique Pills, and of the sweating *Bolus* made as followeth.

Take Venice-Treacle one dram, the Powder of Virginia-Snakeweed, Gascoign-Powder, Diaphoretique Antimony, of each ten grains, Saffron, Salt of Scurvygrass, Wormwood, and Salt of Ash, of each five grains: make them up into a *Bolus* with the Syrup of Groundpine, which take every third or fourth day in Rosemary Posset or burnt Sack, and sweat as strength will permit, rubbing the Patient with clean hot Cloths.

Or take Venice-Treacle one dram and a half, Diaphoretick Antimony ten grains, Salt of Tartar seven grains; mix them together, and take it as afore-directed, and sweat.

Or take the Roots of Asarum four ounces, Carduus and Centaury, of each two good handfuls, the Roots of Groundpine two ounces; boil these in six quarts of Running VVater to the consumption of half, strain it, and let the Patient take half a pint at a time hot, and sweat as above-directed, for some days together.

☞ But first let the Body be sufficiently purged with my Pills; and once or twice a week, upon a day that you sweat not, purge therewith also, for they will not only keep the Body soluble, but expel all acrimonious sharp and fretting humours from the Joynts; by which means, with the use of the sweating Medicines, the Gout I have often known cured.

And after you have purged and sweat, so that you have found Ease or Cure thereby, make use of the following Pills, for they much strengthen the parts made weak, and prevents the return of the same.

Take Venice-Turpentine made into Powder, two ounces, Turmarick, and the Roots of Groundpine, of each one dram and a half, the Powder of Ash-Keys one dram, the Salt of Ash and Scurvygrass, of each twenty grains, Salt and Spirit of Wormwood, of each ten grains; with a sufficient quantity of Syrup of Groundpine make them up into Pill as big as VVhite Peas, and take thereof five at a time every morning fasting.

There

There are several Remedies to ease the violent Pain of the Gout; some of which are made as followeth:

Take a new white penny Loaf, Powder of Saffron, and Opium, of each one dram, make it moist with the Oyl of Scorpions, and apply it to the part pained plaister-ways.

Or take the Leaves and Flowers of Marigolds; being bruised apply them warm, as afore-directed.

Or boil the Crums of white Bread in new Milk, and add thereto some Yolks of new-laid Eggs, and apply it to the part grieved.

Some bath the part with warm Goat or Cows Milk, not without good success.

Or take Red Poppies and beat them small, and mix therewith a little Vinegar, and apply it to the part plaister-ways.

Or take VVheat-Bran what you please, and Elder-Leaves two or three handfuls, if you can get them, and boil them in a sufficient quantity of a wholesome Childs Urine; after which, adde thereto the fat of a Loin of Mutton, or some Hogs fat, and apply it warm as afore-directed, refreshing the same twice a day.

Or take the Distilled VVater of the Sperm of Frogs, or the VVater of Earth-Worms, or the Distilled VVater of Oxe Blood, and bath the part pained therewith before the fire.

Or take dry Salt, and powder the same very small, to which add Sallet Oil, with a small quantity of the Oil of Juniper-berries, and anoint the part affected therewith.

Or take the Chymical Oil of Wax and Myrrh, of each a like; being mixed together, and the parts anointed therewith, have done wonders, especially in the cold Pains of the Gout.

Or take the Oyl of Camomile, St. Johns-wort, and Turpentine, of each one ounce, the Ointment of Marsh-Mallows, one ounce and a half; mix them together, and anoint therewith.

Or take the fine Powder of Bay-berries and Ginger, Sallet Oyl and White-wine Vinegar, of each half a pint; boil them together to the consumption of the Vinegar; after which, add thereto a sufficient quantity of White Wax and Harts Fat, and make thereof an Ointment; which use as afore-directed, for it easeth the pain in any part.

The following Plaister is also of wonderful use.

Take Diapalma, Paracelsus, Oxycrocium, of each one ounce, the best Opium six drams; and make

make a Plaister thereof, which apply to the part grieved.

Or take the Plaister of Paracelsus and Diapalma, of each half an ounce, Camphir two drams; being mixed together, apply it as afore-directed.

Or take Frankincense, White Wax, Burgundy Pitch, and Harts Fat, of each one ounce; melt them together, adding thereto one spoonful of Linseed Oil, after which strain it into a Bason of cold water, and with your hands rubbed with Sallet Oil, make it up into a Roll, and keep it for use; for it giveth ease in most pains of the Joints, being applied thereto.

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CHAP. XXXV.

Of the Sciatica, *or Hip-Gout.*

THe *Sciatica* is a violent pain in the Huckle-Bone, which is cauſed for the moſt part through a groſs flegmatick humour, and being congealed, is retained in the foreſaid Bone.

Sometimes violent Exerciſe, the ſtoppage of the Hemorrhoids, and other accuſtomed Evacuations, as the Menſis, *&c.* may alſo be the Cauſe of this Diſeaſe.

As touching the Cure,

In the firſt place let the Patient forbear drinking Brandy, and ſophiſticated Wines, and the unmeaſurable uſe of Venery.

☞ And make uſe of *my Cathartique and Diuretique Pills*, for they with much eaſe purge all flegmatick humours from the Joints, if not of long ſtanding, there congealed.

Or take Oxymel of Squills, from half an ounce to ſix drams, at night going to Bed.

The

The next morning take the following potion.

Take the Electuary called Caryocostinum half an ounce, Troches Alhandal five grains; mix them with two or three ounces of *White-wine*, and drink it off fasting, repeating it as need shall require.

Or take *the Powder of a Mans Skull that was never buried, Hermodactils, Senna, and Turbith, of each two drams, Scamony prepared with Sulphur one dram*; being made into very fine Powder, give to the Patient one dram at a time in the Distilled VVater of Fumatory, or in Broth or Posset-Drink.

Or take *Scamony prepared with Sulphur two scruples, Mercurius Dulcis one scruple*; mix them, and make it up for three doses: The stronger may take it at twice, as afore-directed; which will eradicate or root out the Humour causing this Distemper; *but nothing near so powerfully as my Pills:* However, let the Patient use his own pleasure.

Outward Medicines of Excellent Use in this Disease, are made as followeth:

Take a Bull's, or an Oxe's Gall, and clarifie the same; after which add thereto the like quantity of *Aqua Vitæ*, and gently boil the

the same till it come to Ointment, with which anoint the part pained well before the fire.

Or take *the Chymical Oil of Wax one dram and a half, Oil of Myrrh, and the Chymical Oil of Salt, of each half a dram, Oyl of Scorpions two drams*; being mixed together, anoint therewith, for it is of wonderful efficacy, and to my knowledge hath helped many.

Castle-Sope is also of Excellent Virtue, if it be first *dissolved in the true Spirit of Sack*, and the Hip anointed therewith well before the fire.

You may also take the Oil of Foxes half an ounce, Oil of Tiles, and Earth-worms, of each one ounce, Oil of Turpentine, and Saint *John*'s wort, of each one ounce and a half; with a sufficient quantity of Virgins VVax, make an Ointment thereof, and use it as afore-directed.

Or take *the Oil called Petrolei, Oil of Tiles, Juice of Dane-wort, Turpentine, of each one ounce, Oil of Earth-worms, one ounce and a half, Spirit of Sack half an ounce; melt all these together, and anoint the grieved part hot therewith.*

Or apply to the part the Plaister made of Frankincense, White Wax, &c. *in the Chapter of the Gout, page* 229.

Or

Or take Rosin, Burgundy Pitch, the Plaister of Paracelsus, and Bees Wax, of each one ounce, Verdigrease in fine Powder half an ounce; being melted altogether, spread it upon Sheeps Leather, and apply it to the part.

Some apply with excellent success Blistering Plaisters to the Huckle-Bone, which doth attract or draw forth the matter to admiration, keeping it running two or three days, by the applying thereto a little Butter and Wax melted together, and spread upon a Linnen Cloth.

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CHAP. XXXVI.

Of the Invention *and most Remarkable Cures effected by those most Famous* CATHARTIQUE *and* DIURETIQUE PILLS.

ABout *March* in the Year 1661. many Persons sorely tormented with the *Dropsie*, &c. coming to me for Advice, and then being ignorant of any Medicine (though I had made trial of many) that would combat the same, put me upon a severe Study; and soon after, by searching the Great Volume of Nature, observing the Property and occult Quality of *Metals*, *Minerals*, and *Vegetables*, I arrived to

to the Knowledge and true Preparation of this most *Incomparable Medicine*.

And the first Pill that ever I gave thereof, was to a very worthy Person, *a Good Friend of mine*, at which instant of time I took another my self, which wrought upon us both very strange effects, expelling not onely viscous or tough flegmatick Humours, that lay furring the Tunicles of the Stomach, but all sharp salt and watry Humours that were found offending.

And I will assure the Reader that this Gentleman and many others, with my self, ever since the year 1662. upon the least indisposition of Body, have made use of those Pills, and thereby preserved our Bodies in Pristine Health.

Which may be a sufficient Argument to convince the People that this is a very Safe Medicine, leaving no evil Qualities behind it, as some of the same Faculty (falsely to defraud the Patient) do report.

In the year 1663. I effected many strange Cures upon persons very dangerously afflicted with the Dropsie and Scurvy, *&c.*

Amongst which, Captain *Matthew Hall*, now belonging to Her Majesties Life-Guard, being much troubled with the Dropsie and Scurvy;

Scurvy; for which he drunk plentifully of *Tunbridge*-Waters, being there to wait upon Her Majesty; but finding it rather destructive, than to do him the least good against the Dropsie, he forthwith made use of my Pills, by which he had present help, and will upon request testifie the same.

About *September* the same year, I was called to a Gentleman then living in *Black Friars*, sorely tormented with the Dropsie, and from some other cause had Buboes in his Groins, which were newly broke, putting him to very great misery; which with the Dropsie, were soon cured with my Pills: Onely he kept the Sores clean with White-wine wherein was dissolved a small quantity of *Egyptiacum*, and applied thereto the Plaister of white Lead.

One Mr. *John Powel* a Taylor, living then near to the aforesaid place, troubled with a Tertian Ague, his Legs much swelled, who had a great Pain in his Back, was in a very short time cured with my Pills.

The following Winter I was called to a Gentlewoman then living in *Newgate*-Market, who had been for some years troubled with a violent pain in her Stomach, and had made trial of many Medicines for help, but found none,

none, till she made use of my Pills; and drinking with them the Decoction of Pellitory of *Spain* and Gallingal, as you have directed pag. 127. was perfectly cured, and in a short time conceived with Child, though she had had none before, though married seven years.

About *August* or *September* 1664. Mr. *Quallet*, then living in *Field-Lane* near *Holburn*, sorely afflicted with the Dropsie, Scurvy, and Gout, was in three weeks time perfectly cured with my Pills, and Sweating *Bolus*, directed in the Chapter of the Gout, pag. 225. who lived till the year 1669. though well stricken in years, and at last supposed to shorten his days by drinking of Brandy.

In the *Easter*-week 1665. I was called to a person of Quality, who had been married five or six years at least, which by reason of the over-much moistness and slipperiness of the Womb, could not conceive with Child, and by taking four and twenty of my Pills, with the use of a Cordial Liquor I directed her to take upon the intermitting days, she conceived before *Whitsunday* next following, and she was brought to Bed of a Girl about *Christmas*; which is very well known to Persons of Quality living now in this Honourable

City, who will be ready to declare the truth hereof, if demanded. Many other Great Cures I could inform you of, but must here omit.

About *April* 1666. my Occasions called me to *Bristol*, and the Physicians there leaving the City, I was by the desire of *John Willoughby* Esquire, then Mayor of the City, shut up at the Mermaid-Tavern upon the Back, and after that, at Mr. *Richard Winstone*'s house in the County of *Glocester* near the City aforesaid, in which infected Houses I continued the space of three months, and cured all of the Pest that took my Directions. And after I had my Liberty, the first news I heard was of the unhappy Fire in *London*, which was the absolute Cause of my Settlement in that Honourable City, where it is still known that I had a sufficient practice upon the worst of Diseases, attended with a wonderful and good success.

The first Patient of the *Dropsie* in that City, was Mr. *James Perry*, who lived then at the *White Lion* in *Broad-street*, who was most horribly afflicted with that pernicious Distemper: His Belly, Thighs, and Legs extreamly swelled, and very hard; insomuch that he could not go: He had a great Cough and

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Suffocation of the Lungs, loathed his Meat, who for the space of seventeen Weeks used all means imaginable, and had the Advice of Fifteen Physicians; some caused him to be Cupt, others used Scarification, *&c.* but took no effect; so they all left him for a dead man: Yet by Gods Blessing with my Pills, which caused him to evacuate by Stool at several times about sixteen Gallons of discoloured Water; besides, forced Urine freely, all his Swellings forthwith abated, his Ulcers (unskilfully procured) healed, and he was perfectly cured in thirty six days.

About *February* 1666. I was called to one *Richard Bush* near St. *Nicholas Gate*, being intolerably afflicted with the *Yellow Jaundice*, *Dropsie*, and *Scurvy*, and left by all void of help, was through Gods mercy, and the use of my Pills, in a very short time perfectly cured, though he was near seventy years of age: and lived two or three years after.

About which time I cured one Mr. *Hodges*, who lived then in *Broad-Mead*, that was very far gone in the Dropsie, *&c.*

Also Mr. *Chandler* near the *Pity-Gate*, long troubled with the Dropsie, was perfectly cured in a short time, with my Pills.

About *Easter* 1666. I was called to on Mr. *Robert Lancaster* then living at the Bell i St. *Nicholas-street*, who was afflicted ver much with a Dropsie, being much swelle in his Belly and Legs, also hectique; unde Cure for six months, but to no purpose, wh had been at great expence in Doctors Fee *&c.* whom I cured under thirty days, wit about 20 s. worth of my Pills.

Mr. *Robert Lisson* of *Bristol*, far gone in th Dropsie, and had a Cough that sorely vexe him, was Cured with one 12 *s.* Box of m Pills.

Upon *Whitsunday* 1667. I was called t Mr. *William Kinton* Copper-Smith, forme ly living at the *Red Lion* in *Castle-street*, wh was troubled with the Dropsie, and extrao dinarily swelled, especially in his Belly, an had a great Cough; was at last Cured by tw 8 *s.* Boxes of my Pills.

In *January* 1667. I was called to one M *Richard Davies*, belonging then to the Suga house in *Temple-street*, very far gone in th Dropsie; his Belly and Members much swe led, which I cured in a short time. And no Many weeks since, coming to *London* fro *Ireland*, came to my House, to return me second thanks, continuing very well ever sinc the date hereof. All

Also *Anne Estridge* aged near 22. in St. *Peters street* in the City aforesaid, for want of her monthly Sickness fell into a Dropsie, and so extreamly swelled, that her Belly, Thighs, and Legs were ready to split, who for some time lay speechless: Yet by Gods blessing and my Pills, was perfectly cured.

One *Phillis* in *Wind-street*, in the same City, aged near Fifty, her monthly Courses had left her, and being full of Excrementitious Humours, fell into a violent Dropsie, *&c.* very much swelled, and in great pain, whom I cured in few weeks.

And for the future, to prevent such Accidents, I counsel the female Sex about the time that those are leaving them, to take some of my Pills, (as directed in this Book) for certainly it hath been found, and still will be, the best Medicine under the Heavens in such cases, not only to prevent the Dropsie, but several Distempers that beget Mortality before the appointed time; which none shall pass, neither can Physick then take the least effect.

The Wife of Mr. *Arthur Baker* in the Parish of *Cromwel* in the County of *Glouceſter*, afflicted much with the Dropsie, and sorely tormented with a *Spasmus*, a Disease in which

the Sinews are drawn or plucked up again
the Patients will, was cured by my Pills
though in the Winter-time, and very much
Frost and Snow.

Mr. *William Underhill*'s Son in the Parish
of *Bitton* five miles from *Briſtol*, afflicted
much with the Dropſie, was cured with two
or three Boxes of My Pills.

Mr. *James Ruſſel* of *Bath* was cured of the
Dropſie with a ſmall quantity of my Pills.

About *Auguſt* 1668. I was called to a per-
ſon of the Female Sex, ſorely afflicted with
ſharp Humours falling upon her Eyes, Palate
and Throat, ſeveral Ulcers near the *Uvula*
and the Privy not free; who was ſalivated
but to no purpoſe; and at laſt perfectly cured
with two 12 *s.* Boxes of my Pills, with the
uſe of the Gargariſms directed page 95.

Another young perſon of the ſame Society
having for ten or twelve months a violent burn-
ning pain in her Head, was cured by taking
eight or 12 s. worth of my Pills, with the
uſe of the Poppy Seed, and the Ointment
made with *Houſleek*, *Oyl of Roſes*, *and Wo-
mans Milk*, directed page 4.

About the latter end of *March* 1669. I
was called to Mr. *Peter Grant*, now living at
the Sign of the *Blew Bores Head* in the Sham-
bles

bles in *Bristol*; being brought exceeding low with the Dropsie, who also had a violent pain in his Stomach, his breath very short; his Relations and Friends gave him over, having no hopes of Life, aged near Sixty. He at last making use of about 16 s. worth of my Pills, was in a short time perfectly Cured.

The Daughter of *J. P.* in the County of *Glouceſter* near *Bath*, aged 37. for seven years troubled with an ill Distemper, which she called the Whites; also a great weakness and pain in her Back, sharpness of Urine, *&c.* and broke forth over all her Body much like to a Leprosie; the Humour salt and sharp; by taking my Pills one Spring and Fall, was perfectly cured. The days she took no Pills, I advised her to drink the Decoction of *Plantane, Yarrow, Knotgrass, and the middle Bark of Elm.* And sometimes she anointed the Sores with the Ointment directed p. 166.

A good old Woman, formerly a Souldier in the Wars of *Venus*, not living many miles from the place aforesaid, sorely afflicted with the Scurvy, *&c.* with a kind of Pocky Humour in her Eyes, and a filthy stinking Ulcer in her Throat, by reason of which she could not speak, and when she went to drink, it

would run out at her Noſtrils; was at laſt perfectly Cured by taking four 4 s. Boxes of my Pills, with the uſe of the Gargariſm page 95.

Another woman, aged about Sixty, living very near the City of *Briſtol*, troubled long with an Ulcer in her Throat, and had violent pain in her Legs in the night ſeaſon; was in a ſhort time cured by the foreſaid means, only ſhe ſweat three or four times, with the *Bolus* directed page 225.

One *Deborah Jones* living in *Kings Wood* near the City aforeſaid, having the Wind-Gout, Dropſie and Scurvy, was by my Pills, with the uſe of the *Bolus* afore-directed, beyond expectation reſtored to her former health; the Pills once bringing from her by vomit a filmous ſubſtance the length of a mans hand.

Mr. *Theophilus Maſcal*, formerly of the *Gilders-Inn*-Tavern in the City aforeſaid, much troubled with the Dropſie and Scurvy, was in a very ſhort time cured with my Pills.

Upon

UPon the Eighth day of *June* in the year of our Lord 1669. I took my Journey forth of *Bristol* towards *New Hall* in the County of *Essex*, to Cure his Grace GEORGE MONCK, late Duke of *Albemarle*; who through the wonderful Goodness and Mercy of God, by taking nineteen or twenty Doses of my Pills, in twenty eight days evacuated by Stool twelve gallons of water; upon which his Swellings all abated, and he became perfectly cured of the Dropsie, as you may understand by what follows, being a true Copy of the Certificate under his own Hand and Seal.

These are to Certifie all whom it may concern, That Mr. WILLIAM SERMON, *Professor of Physick, was the Person, by Gods Blessing, who did Perfectly Cure me, with much ease, and*

and in a short time. Given under my Hand and Seal at *New Hall* this 12th day of *July* 1669.

ALBEMARLE.

And to prove that at last his Grace died not of the *Dropsie*, as some of the most rude still maliciously report, be pleased to read the Book intituled, *The Life and Actions of General Monck*, page 246,454,476. written by that *Reverend Divine*, Doctor *Thomas Gumble*, Chaplain to his late Grace.

The first that made use of my Pills in the time I had his Grace in Cure, those of his Honourable Family excepted,

Was that worthy Person, Captain *Wodlow*, of the Sun Tavern in *Thredneedle-street London*; who found wonderful good thereby, and at certain seasons have made use thereof ever since.

I was

I was my self for the space of two years and upwards sorely troubled with a flatulent or windy Humour, which did arise from the Mesenteries to the Stomach, and there gnaw me very violently; and falling down again would draw my Head to my Knees, and could not have the least ease till I vomited. Being perswaded against purging Medicines, I forbore taking my own Pills, until such time the fits seized upon me with such violence, that none thought it possible for me to recover, they continuing for ten or fifteen days together without intermission; upon which came the Yellow Jaundice. And at last, by taking often of my own *Pills*, (especially when I was at *New Hall* in the presence of many Noble men, to shew that in them was no danger) I was restored to my perfect Health: And to continue the same, upon the least indisposition ever since, have made use thereof.

About *September* 1669. Mr. *John Ford* a Member of the Honourable House of Commons, then Secretary to my Lord *Roberts*, having a great Indisposition of Body, no Purging Physick agreed with his Constitution, until such time he took of my Pills, by which he found present help.

Near

Near the same month Captain *Anthony Langstone*, much troubled with the Dropsie, and very much swelled, had present help by taking of my *Pills*.

In the like manner that worthy person Mr. *Edmond Saunders* Barrester of the *Middle Temple*, much inclinable then to the Dropsie and Scurvy, had help thereby.

Soon after, being in the City of *Glouceſter*, sent for one 12 s. Box of my *Pills*, and gave them freely to the wife of one *Watkins* in *Wotton*, near the City aforesaid, by which means she was forthwith perfectly cured, though in an extraordinary manner swelled, and very far gone in the Dropsie.

About the same time Mr. *John Pit* living then at the *Dun Cow* in *Dunchurch*, horribly afflicted with the Dropsie, was perfectly cured with 20 s. worth of my *Pills*; who in a year and half after, destroyed himself with drinking Brandy.

Mr. *George Child* near *Cople* in *Bedfordshire*, aged near Sixty, very far gone in the Dropsie, was soon cured with three or four Boxes of my *Pills*.

Mr. *John How* near *Ridge-hill* between *Barnet* and *St. Albans*, aged Seventy Three, very sorely afflicted with the Dropsie, his Belly and

and Members much swelled, was cured with my *Pills*, in six or seven weeks time.

Mr. *Richard Mills* his Son, *John Mills*, of *Entfield*, then aged about Fourteen, his Head, Belly, and Members, *&c.* very much swelled; his Father sought all means imaginable, but found none, till he took of my *Pills*, with which he received a perfect Cure.

Near the same time were Cured of the Dropsie the Persons following, with a small quantity of my *Pills*.

Serjeant *Granger*, living in *Bishops-Head-Court* in *Grayes-Inn-Lane*.

Mr. *Thomas Harrison*, then living at the Mermaid in *Red-Lion-Fields* near *Holbourn*.

Corporal *Davies*, then quartering at the Six Bells in *Grays-Inn-Lane*.

Mr. *Robert Shipton* at the Sign of the Horseshoe over against *Clarendon-House*.

Mris. *Dobson*, at the *Jacob and Twelve Sons* in *Red-Cross-street*.

Mr. *Thomas Refould* and Mris. *Anne* his Wife, at the Prince of *Orange* in *Cannon-Row Westminster*.

Mr.

Mr. *Baggot*, Yeoman-Porter to the Gate and Park-Stairs at *Whitehall*.

Mris. *Anne Buckridge*, &c.

Mr. *Lewis Reme*, Painter to his Grace *Chriſtopher* Lord Duke of *Albemarle*, much troubled with the Dropſie, had help by my *Pills*.

Captain *John Wharton*, in *George-Yard* in *King-ſtreet Weſtminſter*, ſore troubled with the Dropſie and Scurvy, became very weak, was perfectly cured with two or three Boxes of my *Pills*.

Mr. *Joſeph Haylock*, Servant to Mr. *Alderman Gray* of *Enfield* in the County of *Middleſex*, was moſt violently afflicted with the Dropſie, and had a great Cough and Suffocation of the Lungs.

He ſpet abundance of corrupt and fœtid matter, and was left off by all for a dead man: and at laſt I Cured him for three and twenty ſhillings, though in the midſt of his Cure (as many have been to their utter ruine) was perſwaded againſt me and my *Pills*, ſo that in plain terms he left me off for ſix weeks, but at length begg'd me to take him again, being very unwilling (when he had got a pair of Spectacles) to be perſwaded to his Grave.

About

About the same time a Gentlewoman aged near Forty One, not far from the Town aforesaid, sorely tormented with violent pain in her head, and great stoppage in her Stomach, full of wind, and exceedingly troubled with the Scurvy and Dropsie, by taking three or four small Boxes of my *Pills*, was very strangely Cured, by voiding a monstrous Worm by stool, very large, and seven foot in length; by which means she was altogether freed of that long-continued misery, and withal perfectly Cured of the Dropsie. Since which time she hath cured several with my Pills, and many of them out of Charity.

The latter end of *April*, I was called to a Person of good Quality, who for the space of seven years, notwithstanding making use of several courses of Physick, as Salivation, *&c.* was still troubled with some violent Symptoms of the French Pox, as sharp pains in the Head, pus, and watry matter of a stinking smell, perpetually running forth of his Eyes and Nostrils, who by taking of my Pills once or twice a week, and by sweating with my *Arcanum Vitæ*, was perfectlie cured in twelve months time, since which he remains free from all Symptoms, and hath since married, and by his Wife hath very lovely

lovely Children, though no perſon thought ever to ſee the ſame.

Mr. *John Walker* Attorney, living near the *Royal Exchange*, being troubled with a violent ſtraining, and every morning ſubject to vomit, alſo had Vapours ariſing from his Stomach, which did very much offend his Head; but could receive no benefit by any Medicine whatſoever, until he took my Pills, with which he was perfectly cured in a ſhort time.

Mr. *Day*, formerly living in *Chappel-ſtreet* in the City of *Weſtminſter*, violently afflicted with the Dropſie, and full of ſharp humours, his Belly and Members extreamly ſwelled, was with ſeven 4 s. Boxes of my *Pills* cured.

Mr. *Chriſtopher Brenam*, then living at the *Chriſtopher* in *Duffins Alley*, near the Mitre Tavern in *Kings-ſtreet Weſtminſter*, being very far gone in the Dropſie, his Belly, Thighs and Legs very much ſwelled, his appetite as it were altogether dejected or loſt; by taking of my Pills, had help in a ſhort time: But about ten or twelve months after, by reareaſon of taking cold, *&c.* fell into a relapſe, and then became ſo extraordinary ſwelled and ſuffocated in his Lungs, that he could hardly breathe; ſo accidentally ſeeing him, proffered

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to serve him; and that I did not doubt, but from a second use of my Pills would result a second Cure: But by his Discourse I found he had an inclination to try some other means; which he did accordingly, and finding all attempts of that kind ineffectual, himself and friends then concluded it a matter impossible ever to recover him; then were my Pills their *ultimum refugium*; with two or three Boxes whereof, he was again restored to his health, to the admiration of many, that will testifie this to be a truth. Since which time, for want of a due regard to his own health, he fell into a Consumption, and lately expired.

A young Lady having the *Small Pox*, and being recovered of the same; in few months after, by reason of some Obstructions, had four Ulcers broke in her left Leg, and could not by any means be healed, until she took my Pills, though it had cost her before thirty odd pounds, and had drunk plentifully of the Waters too; which by taking three or four Boxes, and keeping the Sores clean with a Liquor I prescribed, was in thirty days perfectly cured. Therefore I counsel such, that often drink the Waters, not to be without some small quantity of my Pills, and take

thereof once or twice in a week, though in the aforesaid course; for I well know that those waters are destructive to many; more especially to Hydropical Persons, and such of them that have been great drinkers of Sack and Claret, *&c.* For certainly nothing can be more pernicious to them, then to forsake rashly their wonted custom, and fall to drinking of crude or raw Water, which over much cools the Blood (*the very Balsam of life*) *when by taking of my Pills it will be made sweet, and soon brought to its first purity, by which means the Dropsie, with many other violent Diseases, are cured.*

A Gentlewoman aged near 25, being married six or seven years, by reason of over-much humidity or moistness of the Womb, *&c.* could not conceive with Child; hearing of my Pills, she took two or three Boxes thereof, which caused her to evacuate much wind and water, and within three months conceived. I could give an account of several others that have received the like benefit.

Mr. *John Rives* having an indisposition of Body, at last fell into a Dropsie, & Scurvy, *&c.* But taking it in time, was cured with one Box of my Pills.

Mris.

Mris. *Seawel*, in *Well-Yard* in *Little Saint Bartholowmews*, very dangerously afflicted with that Dropsie called *Tympanites*, her Belly extreamly swelled; she had lost her Appetite, and was very weak; but through Gods mercy by taking of my Pills was perfectly restored to her former health.

Mr. *John Brice* Shoo-maker at the *Half-Moon* in *Shear-Lane* near *Temple-Bar*, long troubled with an indisposition of Body, and a violent pain and weakness in one of his shoulders, had help by taking a Box or two of my *Pills*.

Mr. *John Key*, now living at the Sign of the *Peacock* in *Portugal-street*, much troubled with the Dropsie, was cured with my *Pills*.

Mris. *Anne Brinley*, the VVife of Mr. Alderman *Brinley*, in the City of *Worcester*, most horribly afflicted with the Dropsie and Scurvy; her Belly, Thighs, and Legs, extreamly swelled, and almost deprived of Breath; she had made use of many eminent and able Physicians, (who questionless used their best endeavours) yet to no purpose; and so left by all her neareſt Relations for a dead woman; But accidentally hearing of my Pills, and making use thereof according to Directions,

forthwith evacuated abundance of Water by Stool, *&c.* her Swellings all abated in a short time, and she became perfectly well to admiration. This Great Cure was effected about *Midsummer* 1670. Since which time many more of Good Quality, in and adjacent to that City, have found wonderful good thereby.

Mris. *Mary Jones*, the wife of Mr. *John Jones*, now living in East *Bargholt* in *Suffolk*, very far spent in the Dropsie and Scurvy, and extreamly swelled all over her Head, Face, Arms, Body, Thighs, and Legs, and the swellings very hard; her Legs were swelled above half a yard about, and sometimes her Eyes would be puft up that she could not see; she was also troubled with a violent Cough, and a rising in her Throat, insomuch that she was as it were suffocated or choaked up; many times she was deprived of her Speech: She had a violent pain in her head, and oftentimes almost distracted therewith: Her condition was so dangerous, that she had made use of all the ablest Physicians that she could hear of, but found not the least benefit by them; and at length they all left her off, and said that she could not live many days; And then it pleased God that she was directed to my *Pills*, which

which perfectly cured her in two months; which wonderful Cure was effected in *June* and *July*, in the year 1670.

Mr. *Isaac Key* of *Neyland* in the County of *Suffolk*, aged Sixty Nine, sorely afflicted three or four years with a violent Ague and Fever, first shaking him for an hour or two, and then followed an extream burning, which continued each Fit 24 hours, and at length he fell into the Dropsie, and was very much swelled and troubled with sharp humours, which broke out, and put him to much pain; he made use of all means he could hear of, but found nothing that took the least effect: So hearing of my Pills, and the great Cures effected thereby in the same County, he forthwith made use thereof, which brought abundance of water from him, and also abated his Fits in so great a measure, he scarce knew when they came, which before he took of my *Pills*, wholly deprived him of his strength, so that he was not able to turn himself in his Bed; but in this course he lost no strength, and in a short time those intollerable fits quite left him, and his Dropsie also perfectly cured.

A notable Cure effected upon Mris. *Key* with nine of my Pills; her Distemper at first

was ſuppoſed to be a Pleuriſie; for which ſhe had been let Blood ſufficiently (though ancient) but found no benefit thereby; ſhe was ſo exceeding weak, that the Phyſicians and all her Relations gave her over for a dead VVoman. Her complaint was of Burnt Choler in her Stomach; and ſaid to her Husband, If it could not be removed, ſhe muſt forthwith die: ſo he gave her three of my Pills, which for the preſent cauſed her to be very ſick; but when ſhe had had two or three Stools, ſhe perceived the aforeſaid Choler to be carried off, and wholly to be expelled; after which ſhe perceived more than ordinary hollowneſs in the part before-mentioned; ſo ſhe took three Pills more, which cauſed a good Appetite to eat; and in few days after took the other three, and ſo became perfectly well, to the admiration of all that ſaw her.

A Kinſwoman of *Mris. Keys*, aged about Eighteen, was intollerably afflicted with the Dropſie, and had made uſe of all means ſhe could hear of, but to no purpoſe; and at the laſt by taking of my Pills, was ſtrangely recovered. Firſt ſhe took two, and then three, which cauſed her to vomit; afterwards ſhe took four, and then five, which operated ſomewhat ſtronger, and ſo broke a congealed ſub-

substance that lay in her Body, much in form like to a Cake, which in pieces came forth by Stool, and so she became perfectly well, and free from the Dropsie. Not many weeks after, by reason of a Surfeit, she broke out all over her Face, Body, Thighs, Legs, *&c.* and was so lame she could not go; she had also a rising in her Throat, which every hour was like to choak her, and a violent Fever every night, insomuch that all her Relations and Friends gave her over for dead. But through Gods blessing, by taking some more of my Pills, was again perfectly cured in the latter end of the year 1670. of all those pernicious infirmities, and now as well or better than ever in health.

About the latter end of *April* 1671. Mr. *William Burt* at the *Red Lion* in the *Butcher-Row* near *Temple-Bar*, most dangerously tormented with the Dropsie, his Face, Belly, Thighs, and Legs, *&c.* horribly swelled and puft up; he was also Asthmatical, or troubled with shortness of Breath, insomuch that it was thought he could not live 48 hours; yet through Gods goodness, by taking my Pills according to directions, was as it were changed from death to life, and perfectly cured in a short time, though before he had made use of

all means possible, and was purged sufficiently: *But not with Medicines of the Nature of my Pills, (for I challenge the whole World to produce the like) which are not only* Cathartique *or* Purging, *but withal fortifies or strengthens the Principal Bowels, &c. and that is one Reason they so perfectly cure the Dropsie.*

☞ A Persons Daughter of Quality about eight years of Age, never having the perfect use of her Limbs; by taking twenty five 4 *s.* Boxes of my Pills, in the space of two years received perfect help thereby, and remaineth to this day free from the least Symptoms of Ach or Pain, and groweth fat and very comely; who before the making use thereof was supposed never to have perfect help.

The wonderful Cures effected upon Mr. *James Major*, Mr. *William Hobs*, and Mr. *John Wear*, you may read in their following Letters under their several hands, which upon request I am ready to produce, with many more.

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Mr. James Major's *Letter.*

Honoured Doctor,

WHen the *Microcosm* my *Body* was over-flowed with a vast *Deluge* of the *Dropsie*, in so extraordinary a manner, as that I despaired of all hopes (as to *Life*) expecting nothing but that I should be drowned in so great a *Floud*: It pleased God then to direct me to *You*, (whom I would the **World knew better**) who under *Him* was an *Ark* to preserve me safe, to keep me from sinking; And now *Mankind* is Restored, not as the *Poets* feigned, by throwing *Stones* over my *Head*, but by swallowing your *Pills* down my *Throat*, which produced strange effects; I had almost said, as that *Stones* should become *Men*. A strange *Metamorphosis*, that from such a Chaos of Confusion, from such a *Mass* of disordered *Matter*, from such a *Heap* of *Indigested Humours*, I should by your *Art*, as if *Nature* had been new moulding me, be wrought into so goodly a *Fabrick*, and reduced to my wonted *Feature*; that whereas I was Monstrum horrendum, *I am now* Corpus Humanum. *It seems to me even a Paradox, that*

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whereas I was Dead, (for so I was counted to be) I should by your Pills alone be Revived: Nay, which is the most wonderful, I was buried alive; for so small were my Relations hopes concerning me, that they looked upon me really as dead, waiting daily for my Dissolution: Even then with Gods Blessing accompanying your Pills, I was rescued from the Jaws of Death, I was raised as it were out of my Grave; and am yet alive, and shall ever bless God on your behalf. That you may live long, and do much good, is the desire of him who is,

Yours, because you have Ransomed me,

From *Ipswich*, *Septemb.* 27. 1671.

JAMES MAJOR.

About *October* 1671. one *John Far*, then living at Mr. *Langhleys* house at the two *Rabbets and Pigeon* in *Greens Lane* near *Charing Cross*, extreamly troubled with the Dropsie, very much swelled, left off by all for a dead man. His Wife related his sad Condition to me: I abhorring to take money where I judge no good to be done, was very unwilling to let her have a Box of my Pills, but she would not go without them: So it pleased

sed God that one Box thereof perfectly cured him of the Dropsie.

Mr. Michael Hobbs's *Letter.*

Noble Doctor,

BEing not known unto you in the least, more than by the Description of the Book you have set forth for the taking of your Pills, *which are for the Curing of the* Dropsie *and the* Scurvy; *Yet Sir, I am bound in Honesty and Civility to give you many hearty and humble Thanks for the great Cure (by Gods assistance) that your Pills have made upon my Son* William Hobbs, *who was most sadly afflicted with the* Scurvy, *which had been growing upon him almost three years, and brought him so weak, that he could hardly go or stand, neither could he lie in his Bed, but sit therein, being boulster'd up with Pillows to keep him bending forward, otherwise his breath would so much fail him, that he could not live, if he lay in his Bed as others do, and as now he doth; his Gums were almost eaten away, and he became so cold that it was a great deal of care and diligence taken to keep heat within him for almost a quarter of a year; and then it was*

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my fortune to light upon one of your Books; and after my self and Son had perused it, my Son had a very great desire that I should buy one of your 4 s. *Boxes of* Pills, *and prepare him the* Diet-Drink *according to your Directions: So every thing being made ready, he began to take the Pills, and in twice or thrice taking, he found a little amendment, which made my Self and Wife much to rejoyce: For none that saw him in his weakness did think he could have lived, but all concluded he was a dead man. He followed taking the Pills, until he had almost taken the first Box; and still by degrees he mended: and then he desired another* 4 s. *Box, and by that time he had taken them, he was able to lie in his Bed, and to walk down out of his Chamber; then being so much taken with the Pills, he desired another Box of* 8 s. *and before that was taken, he was so well and lively, that now I do think he is near as strong as ever he was, and I judge there is hardly a stronger man in the Parish.*

If any should question the Truth of this my Letter, you may be pleased to shew it to Richard Dowdeswel *Esq; one of the Members of the House of Commons, who knows the same to be true, so doth his Son* Mr. Charles Dowdeswel. *Sir, I am but a plain Countrey-man, and not able to express my self in such Language as you de-*

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serve, but my Self, Wife, and Son, do all pray to God to bless you in your Practice; and so humbly desiring that you would be pleased to write two words to me of the Receipt of this, for I shall not be satisfied till I know that you have received our thanks for your brave Cure; some few of the 8 s. Box of Pills are yet remaining: Besides, two or three other Persons have taken thereof, and much good they have found by them. So I humbly take my leave, and rest,

Longdon, near *Upton* upon *Severn* in the County of *Worcester*, *Octob.* 18. 1671.

Your most humble Servant, to serve you,

MICHAEL HOBBS.

Mr. *Parkeson* at the upper end of *Chick-lane*, near *West-Smithfield*, extreamly troubled with shortness of breath, his Appetite lost, his Legs swelled, and very little hopes of Recovery, was in a short time cured by taking a Box or two of my *Pills*.

Mr. *Nicholas Waight* in St. *Johns Court* in *Cow-Lane*, by reason of a great Surfeit caused by over-much drinking, was reduced to a very weak condition, a violent Cough, and stopping in his Stomach, his Appetite dejected;

ed; insomuch that all his Friends judged it impossible for him to live; who had Remedy by taking ten of my Pills, with a Medicine of small value that I directed for his Cough.

Mr. *John Scarvil* Distiller, at the Sign of the *Green Man* near *Holbourn-Bridge*, sorely troubled with the Dropsie and Scurvy; his Stomach, Belly, Thighs, and Legs, much swelled; He was also suffocated or choaked up, that he could hardly breath; yet through Gods blessing he had help by two or three 4 s. Boxes of my Pills, though near 60 years of age.

Mr. *Allen* not far from the sign aforesaid, sorely troubled with the Dropsie and Scurvy, so weak that he could hardly go, was also cured with two or three Boxes thereof.

Richard Jenkins a Waterman, living in *Lambeth-Marsh*, troubled with a violent pain and stoppage in his Stomach, loathed his meat; by taking two or three times of my Pills, which caused several Worms to be voided upward, and much watry and slimy matter by Stool, forthwith became perfectly well.

Mr. John Wear's *Letter.*

William Sermon,

☞ *THese are to certifie thee and any other to whose view these Lines may come, that about the 8th Month,* 1671. *my body was afflicted with such a pain in my stomach, and through the tediousness thereof so bowed me down, that I could hardly bear my body up, at which time it came into my mind to make use of thy Pills, and took for the first dose five, about the 5th hour in the morning being in my bed; and about one hour after drunk one Pint of very warm Ale; whereupon they began to work (procuring divers Stools, consisting of a slimy wateriſh stuff, and my pain being much mitigated thereby, encouraged me to take the like dose next morning in like manner, which operated no less then the former, and expelled out of my body by Stool abundance of Worms, in form like unto the Prickles of an Hedge-hog shaven off: So I forbore taking any more for a full month: and then taking the like dose, which operating like unto the former, expelled in Operation no less number of Worms, of like form those the second dose produced; and since that time through the mercy and goodness of the Lord to me, I have been as well as ever I was in my life. And have given this testimony*

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for the encouragement of all persons that may be troubled with the like distemper, to make use of the same Pills; giving those to understand, that in the time of their working, I took but little food besides broth: And so with my true love to thee, I rest and remain, Thy loving Friend,

Bristol 22. *of the 1st month* 1672. JOHN WEAR.

☞ Captain *John Pim* of *Hackthorn* in the County of *Lincoln*, most horribly afflicted with the Dropsie and Scurvy; his Body from the Stomach downwards, Belly, Thighs, Legs and Feet, most infinitely swelled, so that he could not in any measure help himself; but lay on his back in bed, not able to turn therein, with a weight upon his Stomach to hold down the swelling, and to abate the violence of the pain: expecting every hour that his Body would have broke asunder, the course of Nature being almost stopped, insomuch that he could not make water, to give the least ease. He had given himself over for death, and was supposed by all that that saw him to be a dead man, all thinking it useless for him to make trial of my Pills, though he had by the Post sent for them; but living in such great misery till they came, he took two; and in few hours after had much ease, and received thereby the benefit

benefit of Nature; he continued taking them every night two at a time for ten days, then took three at a time for six weeks together, after which, he could go about his house, and did increase in strength, to help himself in all necessary occasions. He took eight or nine 4 s. Boxes before his swellings were taken away, by reason his Liver, and the rest of his principal Bowels had received much damage before he had made use of my Pills.

He had at first a very violent Fever; and after that, a Quotidian Ague; then followed a Tertian Ague, attended with a suppression of Urine, which was conceived (not without good reason) to be the Cause of the Dropsie. He was also girt about with Stitches, and almost choaked up with tough flegm, his Spleen much swelled and very sore; with many other infirmities too tedious now to insert. By taking fourteen 4 s. Boxes of my Pills, in few months was restored to his former Health.

September 24. 1672. I had news brought of a woman near *Ipswich*, about Forty years of age, that had not been out of her Chamber in six years, by reason of great weakness and pain in her Limbs, *&c.* and by taking two 4 s. Boxes of my Pills could walk seven miles; and

ſince by taking a few Boxes more, ſhe is reſtored to her perfect health.

A Gentleman of good worth being terribly tormented with the Scurvy, and withal a virrulent Gonorrhea, or Running of the Reins, who had for a conſiderable time made uſe of Phyſick, eſpecially Pills cried up for ſuch Diſtempers; but all proving uſeleſs, he grew vvorſe, and began to ſwell both in his Stomach, Belly, and Privy Parts, ſo that he concluded himſelf to be poyſoned, and imagined nothing but death to follovv; but being perſvvaded to make uſe of my Pills, forthwith ſent for an 8 *s. Box*, and found thereby preſent eaſe, and aftervvards for two 4 *s.* Boxes, by which he received a perfect Cure in a ſhort time, with the uſe of a ſmall quantity of the Aſtringent Pills, directed page 199.

☞ A Gentlewoman ſorely troubled with the White Flux, great pain and weakneſs in her Back, Ulcers in her Throat and Privy Parts, by taking my Pills every ſecond or third day for one month together, was perfectly cured. To the Ulcers ſhe made uſe of the Water directed page 96. and the days ſhe took no Purging Pills, ſhe took of the Strengthening Pills before-mentioned, page 199.

Mr.

Mr. *Christopher Pound*, next door to the *Maiden-head* in *St. Johns-street*, very much swelled, who had a great pain and stoppage in his Stomach, given over for a dead man, was perfectly cured by my Pills.

Mr. *William Virgin* of the *Half-Moon* in *Bartholomew-street* in *Newbury*, violently tormented with the Dropsie, *&c.* had help by my Pills.

Mris. *Elizabeth Rodes*, sorely afflicted with the Green Sickness and Dropsie, received perfect Cure by the foresaid means.

Mris. *Elizabeth Ward* in *Tenter-Ally* in St. *Tooly Street Southwark*, sore troubled with the Dropsie and Scurvy, much broken out in several parts, great pain in her Knees and Legs, *&c.* she lay exceeding weak for many months, notwithstanding she had very often made use of many able Physicians, but to no purpose, and at last Cured in a short time, with two or three Boxes of my Pills.

About the latter end of *March* 1673. Mr. *Brogden*, at the sign of the *Horse-shoe* in *Sheer-Lane* near *Temple-Bar*, was cured of the Dropsie with one Box of Pills.

Mr. *John Overton* living at the *Cross-Keys* in *Grace-Church-Street*, sorely tormented with the Dropsie and Black Jaundice, was

perfectly Cured with two or three Boxes of my Pills, and with a small quantity of the Powder directed page 171.

Mris. *Brewster* of *Billericay* in the County of *Essex*, by reason of taking cold in lying in, *&c.* fell into a violent Dropsie extreamly swelled, and withal deprived of the use of her Limbs, insomuch that she was not in the least able to help her self; her Physicians and all her Friends leaving her off for a dead woman; but accidentally being directed by an worthy Person, a Minister of the same County, not long before cured by my Pills, to take thereof, was also with four or five Boxes restored to the use of her Limbs, and the Dropsie cured, to the admiration of all her Friends.

A Merchants Wife of this City being for a long time troubled with a grievous pain and stoppage in her Stomach, and had made use of several Medicines, but found no ease thereby; by making use of my Pills, especially three that she took upon the 17th of *May* 1673. which then by vomit caused her to void a strange Worm, the Body thereof square, and of a grass-green colour, the neck round and very white, and the head blood-red, who so swiftly run about the Bason, that it

it could hardly be taken, which put the Lady into a great fright; and the next day she sent it to me: My Counsel was, that she should take more of my Pills; by which she became well, and free from her former pain.

About the same time Mr. *John Phelps*, a Butcher, living near *Redriff* Church, being for a long time troubled with a violent pain and stoppage in his Stomach, loathed his meat, and was grown so weak that he could hardly stand, having a reluxation and trembling in his Joints, attended with grievous pain, himself and friends not having the least hopes of his Life. Complaining to my Brother at the Golden Fleece near to the foresaid place, who presently gave to him five of my Pill, that had lain up and down his house in a Box musty for three or four years, which brought from him by Vomit and Stool abundance of filthy corrupt and stinking slimy matter; by which means he became perfectly well in few days, and as strong as ever.

A Person of good worth, a Merchant, whose Name I must here conceal, through over-much drinking, especially that destructive Liquor called Brandy (which, were the truth known, kills more English-men than the Sword) was most terribly afflicted this Sum-

Summer 1673. with the Dropsie, Scurvy, Gout and Palsey, having such a Reluxation and Trembling in all his Joints, that he was not able to go without help, had help by taking four 4 s. Boxes of my Pills; and since with much joy came to my house, and gave me Thanks.

Another person near the *Strand*, very far gone in the Dropsie, came to my house for one Box of *Pills*, by which he was perfectly cured. Not long after *he fell to drink his part of Two or Three Quarts of Brandy, and in few days died.*

Therefore in kindness to all *Persons* that have not an utter disregard to their own safety, by this Example, I do caution, that they do (as much as in them lieth) forbear the overmuch drinking of Brandy, and other strong Liquors. *For be assured upon my long Experience, that under their Conduct marcheth the Dropsie, Scurvy, Consumption, and other mortal Diseases.*

And were it necessary, I could mention hundreds more (some of which falling to their old course of drinking Brandy and sophisticated VVine, have destroyed themselves, that in all probability might have lived many years) being perfectly cured of the Dropsie,

Dropsie, &c. with my *Cathartique and Diuretique Pills*. The wonderful Virtues and miraculous Cures effected thereby, is very well known to many Noble and Honourable Persons throughout the whole Kingdom, &c.

So let me counsel all Hydropical and Scorbutical Persons, and such that are inclinable thereunto, (*not for my own Interest, but for their Welfare*) to make use of my Pills in time; and not to be fooled out of their Lives by meer Pretenders that rail against them; nor by such that (the more *to deceive the Patient*) do falsly pretend to know the Composition thereof, through the wonderful goodness of God of my own Invention, wholly locked up in my own Brest, as yet, not communicated to any, my Wife excepted.

And that the World may know that this Great *ARCANUM* shall not die with me, the whole Secret, and true Preparation thereof, is faithfully demonstrated in a large Piece of Parchment under my own Hand and Seal, and safely reserved to be delivered to some honest Person or Persons, that the Ages to come may through the Assistance of the Almighty God receive Benefit thereby.

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And that none may be deceived in buying other Pills for his, they are sealed up in Wooden Boxes with his own Seal. The Numbers and Prices are as followeth:
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